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ANNUAL REPORTS

of the
TOWN OFFICERS
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the
TOWN OF
SOUTHBRIDGE



Year Ending December 31,
1942

PAQUETTE STATIONERY CO.
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.



Town Officers for 1942

TREASURER—Norbert C. Benoit

CLERK—Clare P. Boyer

SELECTMEN

Leo J. Cournoyer

Wesley K. Cole

Napoleon J. Blanchard

PUBLIC WELFARE

Marie E. Lariviere

1943

Ovide Desrosiers

1944

Hermas Lippe

1945

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Marie E. Larivière, Chairman

Hermas Lippe

Ovide Desrosiers, Clerk

H. H. Michon, Supervisor

ASSESSORS

Joseph T. Gervais - 1945

Joseph Lafleche - 1943

Philias F. X. Casavant - 1944 Deceased

Charles Normandin - appointed until 1943

BOARD OF HEALTH

Armand O. DeGrenier, D. M. D.	1943
Hervey L. Desmarais, D. D. S.	1944
William E. Langevin, M. D.	1945

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Alfred Beaulieu - 1943	Louis G. Dionne - 1944
George Lafleche - 1945	

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Oswald Meunier - 1943	
Leopold Lemmelin - 1944	C. McGregory Wells - 1944
Arthur A. Roy - 1945	James C. Murphy - 1945
Wesley K. Cole	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Hector M. LeClair - 1943	Charles E. Hart - 1943
Ernest G. Boyer - 1944	Nestor Pontbriand - 1944
Arthur Gaumond - 1945	Joseph S. Normandin - 1945

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Daniel T. Morrill - 1943	George W. Dumas - 1944
Wardwell M. Edwards - 1945	

CONSTABLES

Ulric Brault

Joseph Paquin

Bernard E. Richard

TAX COLLECTOR—Mederic Duhamel - 1945

PLANNING BOARD

Oswald Laliberte - 1943

George Tasse - 1943 Resigned

Mitchell Kurposka - appointed until 1943

Emilien J. Fournier - 1944

M. C. Edgar Paquette - 1945 Resigned

Raoul A. Bail - 1946

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

George Lafleche - 1943

Bernard A. Allard - 1944

Pierre Benoit - 1945

PARK COMMISSIONERS

George Silk - 1943

Norman Leblanc - 1944

Hector M. LeClair - 1945

MODERATOR—Valmore P. Tetreault - 1943

TREE WARDEN—Wilbur Wilson - 1943

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUND

Rene R. Francazzi - 1943

Ovila A. Proulx - 1944

Raymond Varin - 1945

APPOINTED OFFICERS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—Joseph E. Desrosier - 1945

ASST. CLERK SELECTMEN)

SOLDIERS RELIEF AGENT)

Edward E. Leclair

W. P. A. CO-ORDINATOR)

TOWN COUNSEL—Rosario S. Normandin

TOWN ENGINEER—John G. Clarke

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS—Channing H. Greene

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK—Frederick J. Locke

Game Warden—Alfred Lariviere

POUND KEEPER—Paul Beauregard

KEEPER OF LOCKUP

Ulric Brault

Ovide Desrosiers, Jr., Assistant

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL—Oliver Proulx

ANIMAL INSPECTOR)

PLUMBING INSPECTOR) Joseph A. Chagnon

MILK INSPECTOR)

BUILDING INSPECTOR—Armand DeAngelis

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

G. Rudolphe Lariviere

INSPECTOR OF WIRES—Emery A. Lavallee

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—FOR THE TOWN

Rene R. Francazzi - 1943

Jacob K. Edwards - 1944

Oswald J. Laliberte - 1945

FOR THE FUND

Mrs. Hamilton K. Smith

George B. Wells

Arthur Kay

William W. Crawford

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Joseph L. Berthiaume - 1943	John J. O'Shaughnessy - 1944
Seaver M. Rice - 1945	Clare P. Boyer - Clerk

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT—Wilbur Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oswald Meunier, Chief
 George W. Laughnane, Deputy Chief
 Henry Lavoie, Asst. Deputy Chief
 James C. Sangren, Supt. of Fire Alarm

FIRE WARDEN—Oswald Meunier

DEPUTIES

Arthur Caouette	Albert Servant	Edmond Bellerose
Joseph Mandeville	Henry Lavoie	
Dan Daniels	Thomas Burke	Romeo Lippe
	Edward L. Chapin	

FENCE VIEWERS

Edmund Ryan	Armand Bonin
John Serletto	Etienne Bachand

MEASURES OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas L. Hughes John J. Hogan George A. Alley
Ralph McKinstry Royce Fitzpatrick
Raymond McKinstry

FIELD DRIVERS

Alfred E. Lariviere Ulric Brault Ovila Martin

SOLDIERS BURIAL OFFICERS

Joseph Congdon Alexander Beauregard

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

George A. Alley Thomas Hughes Irene Hughes
Basil J. Proulx, Jr. Wardwell M. Edwards
Jacob Edwards Raymond McKinstry Ralph McKinstry
Herman Staves Mafalda Comstock
Elmira G. Patterson Beatrice Homicz
Royce Fitzpatrick

ATTENDANCE OFFICER—Raoul Lataille

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elmer Schumacher - 1943	Joseph V. Flood - 1943
Myron B. Clemence - 1943	Walter G. Buckley - 1943
John S. Dragon, Sr. - 1943	
Ira Mosher - 1944	Gedeon Gregoire - 1944
Hector LeClair, Jr. - 1944	Arthur E. Proulx - 1944
Paul G. Beauregard - 1944 - Resigned	
John E. Rischitelli - to finish Term	
Frank H. Diorio - 1945	Daniel P. Bernheim - 1945
Emil J. Martin - 1945	Arthur H. Smith - 1945
Maurice Taylor - 1945	

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM - G. Rudolphe Lariviere
 DOG OFFICER - Albert Lamarine

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

W. W. Crawford	Emil Martin
Charles Normandin	

JURY LIST, 1942-1943

Name—Occupation	Address
Allard, Alphonse A.—Merchant	44 Pine St.
Allard, Roland A. J.—A. W. Co.	371 Hamilton St.
Allard, Ernest G.—Chef	83 Elm St.
Agard, Charles—H. M. Co.	11 Lyons Ave.
Arpin, Armand—Laborer	116 Plimpton St.
Arpin, Rosario—Truer	20 Lens St.
Bachand, Arthur N.—Mill Hand	39 School St.
Bachand, Edward—Carpenter	16 Williams St.
Bachand, Napoleon—Unemployed	108 Mill St.
Barbierri, Sylvester—Bookkeeper	N. Woodstock Rd.
Barnett, John—Machinist	327 Hamilton St.
Beauregard, Alexander—Shuttle Work	244 Marcy St.
Beauregard, Raymond F.—Clerk	2 Hill Ave.
Belanger, Alpherie—Polisher	27 Worcester St.
Benoit, Levi G.—Manager	862 Lebanon Hill
Benson, Arthur J.—Specmaker	29 Sayles St.
Bertrand, Urban G.—Inspector	370 Hamilton St.
Bibeau, Rodolphe—Merchant	53 Worcester St.
Blair, Elmer L.—Clerk	281 Woodstock Rd.
Blair, Walter—Watchman	54 North St.
Blais, Napoleon—Glass Moulder	402 Worcester St.
Boiteau, Antoine—A. W. Co.	71 Sayles St.

Bombardier, Joseph—Steam Fitter	30 Cohasse St.
Bonin, Armand—Machinist	207 Hamilton St.
Bonin, Thomas—Clerk	154 Hamilton St.
Boucher, Edward—Lens Setter	159 Worcester St.
Boucher, Raymond—Specmaker	127 Everett St.
Boulanger, Alfred J.—Optical Worker	152 Mill St.
Bourdelaïs, Charles—Taxi-owner	213 Elm St.
Brodeur, Antonio—Clerk	114 Pine St.
Cabana, Arthur—Specmaker	10 Oakes Ave.
Carmel, Felix—Clerk	139 South St.
Caron, Anatole, Jr.—Specmaker	579 Main St.
Carpentier, William—Merchant	228 Hamilton St.
Cartier, Joseph—Salesman	9 Hill Crest Ave.
Chamberland, Theodore—Salesman	99 Cross St.
Ciesla, Antoni—Contractor	76 Plimpton St.
Clemence, George H.—Foreman	Clemence Hill
Coderre, Henry F.—Clerk	560 South St.
Costa, Sotir V.—Grinder	308 Main St.
Cournoyer, Aldori—Taxi-driver	81 Pleasant St.
Cournoyer, H. Norman—Dealer	59 Fiske St.
Dauphnaïs, Adelard—Cement Finisher	199 Charlton St.
Davis, Steven—Cook	50 Sturbridge Rd.
Desaulniers, Leo—Specmaker	Lebanon Hill
Dodd, Roy—Clerical	576 Mechanic St.
Donais, Adelard C.—Cutler	55 Coombs St.

Donais, Armand—A. O. Co.	117 Worcester St.
Dufault, Joseph—Laborer	156 Mechanic St.
Dulmaine, Walter—Retired	88 Pine St.
Dupaul, Leon—Foreman	250 Marcy St.
Duquette, George—Specmaker	736 Lebanon Hill
Duclos, Adelard—Specmaker	52 Main St.
Ethier, William—Specmaker	102 Mechanic St.
Ethier, Edward—Laborer	119 Mill St.
Faford, Wilfred—Back Tender	50 School St.
Farland, Alfred J.—Painter	372 Hamilton St.
Farland, Ernest A.—Molder	15 Chestnut St.
Flood, Henry F.—Clerk	300 Hamilton St.
Garceau, Wilfred—Waiter	14 Worcester St.
Gaumond, Armand—Truckman	711 Main St.
Gaumond, Eugel—Retired	16 Gardner St.
Gendron, Albert—Picker	42 Thomas St.
Gelineau, Alfred—Retired	17 Charlton St.
Genereux, Louis W.—Clerk	206 Main St.
Girard, Wilfred—Janitor	222 Mechanic St.
Gladu, Charles H.—Developer	36 Cohasse St.
Graf, Peter F.—Foreman	38 Golf St.
Gregoire, Joseph F.—Clerk	150 Hamilton St.
Grenke, Louis—Block-break	9 Rose St.
Grenier, William—Handle-finish	25 Chestnut St.
Guilmette, George O.—Hardner	9 Henry St.

Gamache, George A.—Mach. Oper.	105 North St.
Gaudette, Noe J.—Clerk	36 School St.
Galipeau, Eugene—Inspector	74 Water St.
Gravel, Charles—Lens Polisher	158 Charlton St.
Hebert, Leo—Grinder	48 Fiske St.
Hebert, Armand T.—Finisher	55 Coombs St.
Hetu, Louis—Janitor	48 Dresser St.
Hill, Emerson H.—Specmaker	472 South St.
Holton, Frank B.—Machinist	Lebanon Hill Rd.
Houde, Harmel E.—Clerk	11 Columbia Ave.
Julian, Joseph—Mail Carrier	73 Newell Ave.
Jones, Leonard W.—Foreman	10 Lens St.
Karle, Cyril—Supervisor	121 Everett St.
Kathan, Alden—Clerk	367 Hamilton St.
Kurposka, Mitchell—Toolmaker	65 Crystal St.
Lafleche, Albert—A. O. Co.	42 Worcester St.
Lafleche, Rosario—Ins. Agent	Ammidown Dist.
Lafrance, Charles—Electrician	38 Pleasant St.
Laliberte, Oliver—Clerk	67 River St.
Landry, Victor—Specmaker	5 Bowlen Ave.
Langevin, Archie—Machinist	9 Henry St.
Langlois, Paul—Painter	64 Crystal St.
Lariviere, Ubald—Finisher	165 Mechanic St.
Lavallee, Adelard—Shear Tender	75 Crystal St.
Lavallee, Napoleon A.—Clerk	48 School St.

Lavers, Ralph—Secretary	173 Eastford Rd.
Lucier, Theodore—Merchant	Brookside
Lamontagne, Harry—Lens Polisher	9 Rose St.
Lataille, Frank—Unemployed	284 Mechanic St.
Lataille, Joseph—Salesman	39 Henry St.
Lataille, Paul—Retired	12 Cohasse St.
Leblanc, Leon—Spinner	364 Hamilton St.
Lemire, Napoleon—Frame-maker	30 Taft St.
Lemoine, Ferdinand—Foreman	120 Elm St.
LeBoeuf, Roland—Inspector	94 E. Main St.
Lepage, Adelard—Foreman	122 Litchfield Ave.
Libera, Joseph—Maintenance	9 Ballard Ct.
Lippe, Clement—Specmaker	711 Main St.
Locke, Fred J.—Janitor	24 Taft St.
Loranger, Edward—Truck Driver	127 Pleasant St.
Loranger, John—Unemployed	187 Everett St.
Lynch, Charles—Assembler	26 School St.
Lusignan, William—Sub-foreman	392 Worcester St.
Maloney, Phillip—A. O. Co.	87 Edwards St.
Mitchell, Irving—Clerk	47 Oliver St.
Monnette, Moise—Clerk	50 Coombs St.
Moriarty, Timothy J.—Mill-oper.	150 Pleasant St.
Marand, Napoleon—Polisher	276 Mechanic St.
Mathieu, Isaac—Canvasser	50 Coombs St.
Nichols, Thomas—Press-worker	33 Fiske St.

Normandin, Joseph S.—Clerk	14 Dresser St.
Noyes, Gordon—Retired	15 Edwards St.
Orsini, Antonio—A. O. Co.	145 Elm St.
O'Shaughnessy, John J.—Real Estate	164 Hamilton St.
Paquin, William—Inspector	32 Worcester St.
Patneaud, George—Warper	12 Pine St.
Paulhus, Albert—Unemployed	199 Charlton St.
Paulhus Theodore, Sr.—Unemployed	172 Mechanic St.
Peloquin, Aime—Merchant	67 Charlton St.
Peloquin, Felix—Stretcher	27 Coombs St.
Peloquin, Narcisse—Unemployed	62 Green Ave.
Peloquin Philip—Painter	20 Harding Ct.
Perron, Omer—Merchant	215 Marcy St.
Pezzetti, John—Ins. Agent	7 Glover St.
Plouffe, George E.—Truer	135 Marcy St.
Pontbriand, Nestor—Salesman	12 Cohasse St.
Powers, Joseph—Salesman	134 Chapin St.
Pratt, Walter W.—Farmer	873 N. Woodstock Rd.
Proulx, Charles F.—Specmaker	81 Wall St.
Proulx, Joseph D.—Cook	46 South St.
Paul, Wilfred—Truck Driver	45 Union St.
Paquette, Walter—Foreman	Brickyard Rd.
Page, Ernest P.—Salesman	429 Hamilton St.
Renaud, George—Bar Tender	149 Mill St.
Rossi, Philip—Salesman	47 Green Ave.

Riopel, Wilfred—Foreman	31 Hamilton St.
St. Germaine, John B.—Salesman	120 Sayles St.
St. Germaine, Joseph—A. W. Co.	120 Sayles St.
St. Martin, Arsene—Printer	95 North St.
St. Martin, Rudolphe—Sub Foreman	24 Dresser St.
St. Pierre, Rodolphe—Press Oper.	10 Rose St.
Sansoucey, Adelard—Grinder	4½ Windsor Ct.
Santo, Dominic—Foreman	138 Elm St.
Silk, George W.—Clerk	723 Main St.
Shea, William T.—Draftsman	19 Clarke St.
Staves, Arthur—Freight Clerk	37 Franklin Ter.
Stypulkausk, Antony—Finisher	101 Worcester St.
Talbot, Ernest—Laborer	3 Morton Ct.
Tasciotti, Ralph—Knife maker	113 Cross St.
Thomas, Gregorv—Merchant	84 Dresser St.
Tetreault, Eugene—Laborer	53 Fiske St.
Toomey, John F.—Clerk	30 North St.
Trahan, Ovila—Carpenter	16 Clarke St.
Tully, Andrew F., Sr.—Order Clerk	547 Main St.
Tavernier, Omer J.—Edger	10 Lens St.
Varin, Raymond—Foreman	110 Mechanic St.
Watson, Edmund—Watchman	26 North St.
Whalen, Robert—Warper	62 Mill St.
Willet, Lloyd F.—Ins. Agent	Westwood Parkway
Eno, Arthur J.—Electrician	76 Pine St.
Ziu, Thomas—Inspector	46 Morris St.

Report of Selectmen

To the Voters of Southbridge:

The following is a report of the activities of the Board of Selectmen.

The Town Hall repairs were kept to a minimum in 1942. Repairs were made in Memorial Hall, now allocated to the Rationing Board. The W. R. C. Kitchen was repaired and painted. Storm windows were installed in several offices.

W. P. A. Projects were all constructive. Storm Drains were installed on Foster and Morris Streets. Sidewalks were constructed on Oliver, Charlton, Randolph, Bellevue and Westwood Parkway. Your Board, in the interest of the Taxpayers, voted to discontinue W. P. A. projects on January 1, 1943 until Post War activities are resumed.

Under private contracts, Lebanon Hill and Breakneck Hill construction was continued and approximately 2300 feet of sewers was constructed on Worcester Street.

Under the supervision of the Engineering Department the following work was completed. Eastford Road drain, Wardwell Court drain, Pleasant Street drain, curb and gutter on Marcy Street, Cady Brook retaining wall, fill and grade Ashland Ave.

With the co-operation of Police Chief Brault and the Worcester County Electric Co., work of eliminating dangerous lighting conditions was continued.

It is regrettable that the Town of Southbridge lost three

old municipal workers during 1942 in the deaths of Joseph Metras, Albert Brown and Philias Casavant.

Your Board wishes to thank the Southbridge Insurance Committee, comprising of Mr. W. W. Crawford, Emil Martin, and Charles Normandin, in recognition of their excellent work in the interest of the Taxpayers by reorganizing the insurance needs of the various Town Departments.

The Board wishes to thank all Town Departments who, through their co-operation, enabled the Town to keep up its high standard of efficiency.

LEO J. COURNOYER

WESLEY K. COLE

NAPOLEON J. BLANCHARD

Selectmen

Report of Inspector of Wires

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1942.

WIRING DEPARTMENT

Permits issued for new work	80
Permits issued for addition to old work ..	300
Inspection while work is in progress	1200
Recommendations to alter wiring	50
New signs (window and street)	40
Temporary permits	100

Due to the restrictions on new buildings, a large reduction in permits were noted, although considerable alterations were completed.

Several large installations have been completed in war plants, and with good priorities no trouble has been encountered in obtaining material.

Respectfully yours,

EMERY A. LAVALLEE

Report of Assessors

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1942.

All appropriations voted since 1941

Tax Rate was fixed	\$671,825.89		
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1942 \$5,163.93. In 1941 since 1941 tax rate was fixed \$50,023.52	55,187.45	\$727,013.34	

STATE: Tax and Assessments	1942 Estimates	1941 Under-estimates	
State Tax	\$37,950.00		
State Parks and Reservations	582.44		
State Audit of Municipal Account	511.48		
Veterans' Exemptions		6.43	
	<u>\$39,043.92</u>	<u>\$6.43</u>	\$39,050.35

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments:			
County Tax	\$22,913.46		
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	15,898.56		
	<u>\$38,812.02</u>		\$38,812.02

OVERLAY of current year		\$15,001.96	
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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$819,877.67	
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated receipts for the year 1942 \$219,768.63

OVERESTIMATES OF PRE- VIOUS YEAR TO BE USED AS AVAILABLE FUNDS:

County Tax	\$3,675.97
State Parks and Reservations	29.57

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAIL- ABLE FUNDS:

Amount and date of approval by
Commissioner of Corporations
and Taxation

\$13,471.75 - October 17, 1941
36,551.77 - December 23, 1941
5,163.93 - May 15, 1941

\$55,187.45	\$55,187.45
Total Available funds	\$58,892.99

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

\$278,661.62

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY

\$541,216.05

Number of Polls	5,830 at \$2.00	Tax
each		\$11,660.00
Total Valuation:	()	
Personal Property,	(Tax Rate)	
\$2,098,870.00	()	81,885.93
Real Estate	(\$39.00)	
\$11,479,440.00	()	447,698.16

Gain on account of fractional divisions of tax rate	1.96
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TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$541,216.05
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ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO
THE DETERMINATION OF
THE TAX RATE

Betterment and special Assessments
added to taxes:

Sidewalk Assessments, apportioned and interest	\$209.79
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Sewer Assessments, Unapportioned and interest	594.27
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Sewer Assessments, Apportioned and interest	822.94
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TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS	\$1,627.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON POLLS AND PROPERTY AND ASSES- MENTS COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR TO DATE OF FIXING TAX RATE	\$542,843.05
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

December 20, 1942

Real Estate Valuation	\$1,960.00
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Tax on Real Estate	\$76.45
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Warrant to Collector, December 20, 1942	\$76.45
August 18, 1942	
Polls 18 at \$2.00	\$36.00
Warrant to Collector, August 18, 1942	\$36.00
December 1, 1942	
Polls 9 at \$2.00	\$18.00
Warrant to Collector, December 1, 1942	\$18.00
December 28, 1942	
Polls 1 at \$2.00	\$ 2.00
Warrant to Collector, December 28, 1942	\$ 2.00
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE	\$13,580,270.00
TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON POLLS, PERSONAL, REAL ESTATE AND SEWER AND SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS FOR 1942	\$542,975.50
VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR 1942	\$935,507.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1942	\$32,580.34
Warrant to Collector for 1942	\$ 32,580.34
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION FOR 1942	\$14,515,777.00
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TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR FOR 1942	\$575,555.84

 VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and			
Hospital	Real Estate	\$1,390,250.00	
	Personal	\$ 310,800.00	
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Town Property			
	Real Estate	\$1,386,690.00	
	Personal	\$ 311,300.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,697,990.00
U. S. P. O. Property			
		\$ 98,000.00	\$ 98,000.00
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			\$3,497,040.00

Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 3,918

JOSEPH T. GERVAIS

JOSEPH LaFLECHE

CHARLES NORMANDIN

Board of Assessors

Report of Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration my yearly police report ending December 31, 1942.

Chief

ULRIC BRAULT

PERMANENT POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph Paquin	Albert A. Lamarine
Ovila J. Martin	John Lango Jr.
Arthur L. Murphy	Arthur I. Bouthillier
Alfred E. Lariviere	Sylvio A. Bachand
John M. Beaudry	James B. Laughnane
Carl J. Corriveau	Gregorio P. Materas
Ernest J. Fierro	Romeo Z. Leboeuf

Assistant lock-up keeper .

JACOB S. GOUIN

Complaints made in the District Court by officers of the department during the fiscal year. Total 598, Males 564, Females 34.

· OFFENSES

Adultery	5
Assault & Battery	9
Begetting	1
Breaking & Entering	23
Disturbing the Peace	6
Drunkenness	226
Fornication	1
Fugitive from Justice	2
Unlicensed Dogs	2
Larceny and Attempt Larceny	43
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	6
Lewdness & Cohabitation	2
Neglect to provide	13
Operating as to endanger	3
Operating under influence liquor	10
Obscene Literature	1
Peddling without a license	4
Truancy	1
Vagrancy	16
Violation of Court Order	4
Violation of Motor Vehicle laws	157
Violation of probation	10
Violation of Town-by-laws	17

Maliciously Destroying Property	2
Keeping a disorderly house	2
Violation of Parole	2
Stubborn Children	3
Unnatural Act	4
Selling leased property	1
Allowing a minor to peddle	2
Promoting a lottery	1
Escape from Shirley School	1
Attempt of Breaking & Entering	2
Abuse of female child	1
Deserter from U. S. Army or Navy	6
Stolen goods in possession	3
Idle & Disorderly	4
Leaving the scene of accident	2

MISCELLANEOUS

Motor Vehicle accidents with personal injuries	32
Motor Vehicle accidents with property damaged	31
Goods stolen and recovered	\$6,618.85
Goods stolen not recovered	1,333.10
Motor vehicles stolen and recovered	6
Motor vehicle licenses suspended or revoked	51
Persons injured in motor vehicle accidents	40
Parking summons served	49

Doors and windows found unlocked	228
Lodging given to travelers	129

PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Building and Land	\$65,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	6,000.00

In behalf of the police officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board and other town officials for their consideration during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT,

Chief of Police

Report of the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library

TRUSTEES

For the Town

Jacob K. Edwards, Chairman

Rene Francuzzi

Oswald Laliberte

For the Edwards Bequest

George B. Wells

Gertrude W. Smith

W. Wesley Crawford

Arthur Kay

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1943:

Week Days—10:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M.

Closed 1943:

January 1—New Year's Day

May 30—Memorial Day

July 5—Independence Day, (Monday)

September 6—Labor Day

November 11—Armistice Day (Until 2:00 P. M.)

November 25—Thanksgiving Day

December 25—Christmas

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

The library year has been a good one despite the loss of two full time assistants. Miss Bernheim left in June to be married and Miss Bamford in October to enter the business world. Neither one has been replaced so far except in the covering of their desk schedules by part time high school assistants, and in a fuller schedule for Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, a former member of the staff. Two full time professional assistants are needed to give the service that a library of this size should give, and to replace these two members of the staff. Both resignations were accepted with regret by the Librarian and Board of Trustees. Miss Bamford had given 16 years of service, and many who depended on her for help in their selection of books miss her sorely. It goes without saying that her share in the staff routine is also missed. Miss Bernheim's gracious way with people who use the library and her perfect cooperation with the staff make her loss also sadly felt.

The library is not the only institution feeling the shortage in manpower however, and does not consider itself abused—only sorry that it cannot give the kind of service that would be possible with more people of training and experience available.

The extra fund for building improvement was not appropriated this year. The library tried to keep well under its budget, in view of the financial strain that all towns are going to feel increasingly with the loss of certain usual sources of income. It was not thought wise however to cut the essential service - books - since the total budget is a modest one after all (\$.82 per capita including trust funds, against \$1.25, considered standard). Statistical records following this report show the addition of 1,314 new books and \$45 replacements and a slight increase in the number of books borrowed over the 1941

record. With every potential reader engrossed in defense work and the additional duties that such times bring, and with the transportation problem making possible fewer trips to the library, it was thought in planning the year's budget that circulation figures would show a decline in 1942. There was instead a large gain in the summer months when shortened vacations or none suggested reading as a substitute - and throughout the year the serious reading public has felt it vital to keep informed on the rapidly changing world, and prepared for our part in its future.

"An enlightened people is a free people" and Southbridge knows it. The library does not pretend that all its wares are for enlightenment alone. Books are read also for recreation and enrichment of life—as the borrowing of 50,246 books of adult fiction, not a very large proportion of which are read for the light they throw on the present world situation, shows. The use of the children's room increases at a greater rate than the adult—the gain in the borrowing of books for children of pre-school age through the eighth grade was over 2,000. Grade school reading habits so far have not been affected by the war atmosphere.

The library's contribution to war activities has been a concentration on making available the best and latest information possible in book and pamphlet form and promoting the use of such material. The Victory Book Campaign was naturally the responsibility of the library and the Red Cross. Some 1,500 books were collected through the joint efforts of these two organizations; 700 taken to Fort Devens by the Motor Corps in March and 200 sent to North Carolina in September. The campaign continues for the duration with the library as headquarters. Massachusetts' record in this campaign was a worthy one. The library has also in its care for the present the file of all Southbridge citizens engaged in any sort of civilian defense work. This file when corrected and brought up to date will be transferred to Civilian Defense headquarters, now in the fire station.

The opening of the Technical Department in the library in October marked a new departure. Sponsored jointly by the Technical society which provided the impetus and an initial collection of some 40 books and several hundred pamphlets and periodicals, and the library which provides the room and the cataloguing and care of the books and pamphlets, this room should take an increasing part in the life of technically minded people. A modest beginning has been made in the donation and loan of more comfortable furniture than the ex-newspaper room provided, and in what it is hoped will develop into a useful collection of material in this vital and rapidly growing field.

The library would like to mention individually all the people who have shared so generously—flowers, books, and acts of courtesy and helpfulness that keep the library human and livable and prevent its becoming just an institution, forbidding in any way. As a town we pool our resources to make available to every one books and other reading matter, and the tools that simplify the use of such reading matter, which most of us could not have through our own efforts. The library is perhaps as typical a town enterprise as any, since it serves all ages, all creeds, all kinds of interests. It is the desire of the staff and of the Board of Trustees to keep this Town enterprise at the highest level that financial support and our joint effort and good will can achieve.

STATISTICAL RECORD

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of Founding	1871
Population Served	16,825
Days open during year	307
Hours open each week	66
Number of volumes January 1, 1942	27,128
Number of volumes added	1,659

New	1,314	) Including 345 books by
		) gift and transfer from
Replaced	345	) Rental Collection
Number of volumes discarded		1,546
Number of volumes December 31, 1942		27,241
Number of registered borrowers (estimate)		7,000
Number of volumes lent for home use		98,023

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR SHANE

Librarian

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1942 Receipts and Expenditures

1943 Budget Estimate

Item	1942 Receipts	1942 Expenditures	1943 Budget
RECEIPTS			
TOWN OF SOUTH- BRIDGE			
APPROPRIATION	9,835.00		
Less Refund to E. D. a/c	113.07		
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	9,721.93		

MYNOTT FUND

Bal. Jan. 1, '42 32.23

Receipts 1942 25.00

57.23

Disbursement

1942 13.67 13.67

December 31, '42

Balance 43.56

TRUSTEE FUNDS

Bal. Jan. 1, '42 1,817.48

Receipts 1942 5,135.47

6,952.95

Disbursements 3,811.64 3,811.64

Bal. Dec. 31,

1942 3,141.31

Less Special

Res. 2,000.00

Operating bal. 1,141.31

Total 1942 Receipts 13,547.24

EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL

Acct.

101)

102) Librarian and Assistant

103 Regular Employees

104 Part-time Employees

105 Sunday opening 6,029.94 6,500.00

BOOKS & PERIODICALS

201	Books		
202	Periodicals		
250	Book Repairs	3,024.43	3,200.00

MAINTENANCE OF
BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Acct.	Item	1942 Receipts	1942 Expenditures	1943 Budget Memo
150	Payroll - Janitor			
151	Payroll - Janitor Helpers			
301	Fuel			
302	Light			
303	Water			
304	Supplies			
305	Removal of Ashes			
306	Misc. Expenses		2,778.06	2,600.00
351	Building			
352	Grounds		159.33	200.00

MISCELLANEOUS
OPERATING EXPENSES

401)	Telephone, Stationery		
402)	and Postage		
403	Desk & Office Supplies		
404	Audit		
405	Survey		
406	Pension		
407	Miscellaneous	1,433.95	1,500.00

EQUIPMENT

501	Furniture & Fixtures	121.53	50.00
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		13,547.24	14,050.00

Special Appropriation building repairs
and improvements - L - H

1,000.00-A

15,050.00

A Special appropriation \$5,000.00 requested by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a period of five years at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year, is referred to Finance Committee for decision as to year 1943. In view of existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942. Involves Heating Bldg.

SUMMARY

	1942 Budget		1942 Appropriation		1942 Expenditures		1943 Budget	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Town - Normal Basis	9,835	66.29	9,835	71.09	9,835.00	72.6	10,050	66.78
Town - Special Fund	1,000	6.75					1,000	6.65
Town Cr. to E & D a/c	10,835		9,835		117.07	.84	11,050	
					9,721.93	71.76		
Trustee Funds	4,000	26.96	4,000	28.91	3,811.64	28.15	4,000	26.57
Mynott Funds					13.67			
	14,835	100.00	13,835	100.00	13,547.24	100.00	15,050	100.00

If the amount collected by Library and turned in to Town Treasurer (\$885.16) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1942 (\$8,856.77) is 65.23% of the cost for year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1943 of \$4,000.00 from trust funds. On this basis the Town cost will be only 73.43% of total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00, if granted, and 66.78% if that special appropriation is not granted.

APPROVED BY TRUSTEES
THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

J. K. EDWARDS
GERTRUDE W. SMITH
ARTHUR KAY
O. J. LALIBERTE
G. B. WELLS
W. W. CRAWFORD

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Last year, I sprayed the town elm trees for elm leaf beetles. The work was done with very good results. This spraying should be done every year to control the beetles.

I did some trimming, bracing, cabling, and cavity work on trees that were in bad condition. Removed two large Horse Chestnut trees on Everett Street that were dangerous to persons and property.

If any citizen should notice any unusually dangerous condition of a tree, he ought to notify the Tree Warden promptly. Any cooperation would be very much appreciated.

I shall always be ready to serve you.

Respectfully yours,

WILBUR G. WILSON

Tree Warden

Report of Gypsy Moth Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Last year, we found and exterminated 7,322 gypsy moth egg clusters. This includes the spring and fall extermination. Inspection was restricted only to trees under the town's jurisdiction, because of the limited amount of funds. I find Moth situation better since we have been spraying the trees.

Respectfully yours,

WILBUR G. WILSON

Moth Superintendent

Report of Tax Collector

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for 1942.

1939 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1942	\$9.89
Tax Title	\$9.89

1940 PERSONAL TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$1,827.02
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,146.72	
Abated	680.30	\$1,827.02

1940 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$22,017.92
Collected after abatement		2.00
		\$22,019.92
Payments to Treasurer	\$21,584.00	
Tax Title	435.92	\$22,019.92

1941 PERSONAL TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$2,668.11
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,944.31	
Abated	11.28	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	712.52	\$2,668.11

 1941 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$67,485.79
Payments after abatement		4.00
		<u>\$67,489.79</u>

Payments to Treasurer	\$66,431.41	
Abated	196.16	
Tax Title	461.34	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	400.88	<u>\$67,489.79</u>

1942 PERSONAL TAXES

Commitment of June 16, 1942		\$81,856.17
Payments to Treasurer	\$80,144.29	
Abated	42.90	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	1,668.98	<u>\$81,856.17</u>

1942 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Commitment of March 25, 1942		\$11,510.00
Commitment of May 21, 1942		150.00
Commitment of June 16, 1942		447,699.88
Commitment of August 18, 1942		36.00
Commitment of December 1, 1942		18.00
Commitment of December 18, 1942		76.45
Commitment of December 28, 1942		2.00
Refunds paid by Treasurer		20.00

 \$459,512.33

Payments to Treasurer	\$405,714.10	
Abated	2,874.23	
Tax Title	627.13	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	50,296.88	

 \$459,512.34

Overpayment to Treasurer01	<u>\$459,512.33</u>
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1941 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$301.56
Commitment of January 14, 1942		517.16
Commitment of January 29, 1942		2.48
Refunds paid by Treasurer		109.60
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		\$930.80
Payments to Treasurer	\$733.55	
Abated	197.25	\$930.80
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1942 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Commitment of April 2, 1942		\$20,410.74
Commitment of May 4, 1942		7,043.25
Commitment of May 29, 1942		3,754.57
Commitment of July 20, 1942		461.26
Commitment of October 8, 1942		257.50
Commitment of October 27, 1942		462.92
Commitment of December 7, 1942		150.51
Commitment of December 31, 1942		39.59
Collected after abated		2.00
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		\$32,582.34
Payments to Treasurer	\$31,629.33	
Abated	782.61	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	170.40	\$32,582.34
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1939 SEWER ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1942	\$113.26
Payments to Treasurer	\$113.26
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1939 SEWER ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1942	\$11.39
Payments to Treasurer	\$11.39
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Added interest on Sewers	\$12.33

1940 SEWER ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1942	\$198.29
Payments to Treasurer	\$198.29

1940 SEWER ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1942	\$70.57
Payments to Treasurer	\$70.57
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Added interest on Sewers	\$10.54

1940 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$206.13
Payments to Treasurer	\$99.55	
Abated	91.91	
Tax Title	14.67	\$206.13

1940 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$21.09
Payments to Treasurer	\$11.54	
Abated	8.37	
Tax Title	1.18	\$21.09
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Added interest on Sidewalk		\$6.17

1941 SEWER ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$96.22
Payments to Treasurer	\$85.66	
Tax Title	2.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	8.36	\$96.22
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Added interest on Sewers		\$12.90
Sewers collected in advance		\$35.20
Interest collected on sewers paid in advance		.42

1941 SEWERS ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$647.43
Payments to Treasurer	\$520.34	
Tax Title	39.07	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	88.02	\$647.43

1941 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$500.18
Payments to Treasurer	\$492.56	
Tax Title	7.62	\$500.18

1941 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1942		\$57.51
Payments to Treasurer	\$54.72	
Tax Title	2.79	\$57.51

Added interest on Sidewalk		\$3.55
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1942 SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Commitment of June 16, 1942		\$1,292.35
Payments to Treasurer	\$555.93	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	736.42	\$1,292.35

Sewers paid in advance		\$22.86
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1942 SEWER ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Commitment of June 16, 1942		\$124.86
Payments to Treasurer	\$44.06	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	80.80	\$124.86

 1942 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

Commitment of June 16, 1942		\$178.36
Payments to Treasurer	\$120.30	
Sidewalk added on commitment in error previously paid in 1941	52.38	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	5.68	\$178.36

1942 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Commitment of June 16, 1942		\$ 31.43
Payments to Treasurer	\$17.99	
Sidewalk interest added to commitment in error previously paid in 1941	1.36	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	12.08	\$ 31.43

1942 SPECIAL SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

Commitment of March 21, 1942		\$316.49
Commitment of June 23, 1942		283.08
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		\$599.57
Payments to Treasurer	\$569.28	
Outstanding December 31, 1942	30.29	\$599.57

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Taxes of 1939		\$ 11.33
Interest of 1940		1,524.52
Interest of 1941		1,801.86
Interest of 1942		125.18
Interest on Special Sidewalks of 194254
Interest on Excise 1941		4.14
Interest on Excise of 1942		2.61
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		\$3,470.18

Demands on 1940 Taxes	.35
Demands on 1941 Taxes	3.85
Demands on 1942 Taxes	148.05
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	\$152.25
Costs of sale on 1940 Taxes	\$2.98
Costs of sale on 1941 Taxes	\$2.57
Refunds paid by Treasurer on 1942 Taxes	\$70.70

I wish to thank the citizens of Southbridge and the various Town Officials for their kind co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. DUHAMEL

Tax Collector

Report of Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1942 giving names of members of the Fire Department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, value of properties where loss occurred, dates and locations of fires, also recommendations I deem necessary for the ensuing year.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$8.62.

I recommend an appropriation of \$43,400.30.

We responded to 314 still alarms, and 20 bell alarms. Total 334 alarms.

282 Hydrants at \$65.00 each per year - \$18,330.00.

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of buildings	\$463,100.00
Loss on buildings	11,351.89
Insurance on buildings	340,650.00
Insurance paid on buildings	11,131.89
Value of contents	169,650.00
Loss on contents	7,556.17
Insurance on contents	100,000.00
Insurance paid on contents	5,206.17

INVENTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two fire stations	\$ 75,000.00
Fire apparatus	37,000.00
Fire department supplies	9,000.00
Gamewell fire alarm system	7,000.00

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief
Oswald J. Meunier

Deputy Chief
George W. Laughnane

Assistant Deputy Chief
Henry Lavoie

Permanent Men

George M. Lamothe, House Captain	Romeo Laroche
Dan Daniels, House Lieutenant	Harry J. Gendron
Napoleon S. Donais	Bernard D. Sherry
Armand Dumas	Sylvio H. Carpentier
Ovila Donais	

Callmen — Engine No. 1

Michael Maloney, Captain	Raymond Matte
Hormidas Belanger, Lieutenant	Hermas Lippe
Napoleon Fontaine	Lionel Peloquin
Victor Tavernier	Leopold Langlois
Henry Desourdy	Archie Langevin
Clarence Blair	Ernest Collette

Callmen — Engine No. 2

Adelard Lepage, Captain	Dominic Sinni
Telesphore Leduc, Lieutenant	Biagio Puccelli

Alva Gregoire
Eugene Gaumond
Jules Duff

Raymond Dumas
Alexander Daigle
Thomas Mannis

Callmen — Aerial No. 1

Leandre Coutu, Captain
Felix Lavallee, Lieutenant
Ovide Desrosier
Isidore Lafleche
Eugene Blais

Napoleon Blais
Arthur Caplette
Romeo Lippe
Normand Larochelle
George Lavallee

Superintendent of fire alarm
James C. Sandgren

January 6—Box 49 at 10:50 p. m. Dwelling at 919 Charlton Road owned by Mrs. John Harrington, caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.

January 5—Still alarm at 11:00 a. m. Tenements at 95 Charlton St., owned by Mrs. Elise Desrosier, caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

January 20—Still alarm at 1:23 p. m. Tenements at 150 off Morris St., owned by Costa Athanas, caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

January 30—Still alarm at 4:40 a. m. Theater at 18 Elm St., owned by Blanchard Bros., caused by flooded oil burner. Insured.

February 5—Still alarm at 5:35 a. m. Tenements at West Street owned by Albany Houle, caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

February 6—Box 34 at 10:26 a. m. Rooming house at 26 Central St., owned by Gauthier Estate, caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.

February 9—Box 52 at 9:55 a. m. Dwelling at 124 Chestnut St., owned by Emile Caouette, caused by cigarette. Insured.

February 21—Still alarm at 6:47 a. m. Gasoline station owned by Henry Dupaul, caused by oily rags near stove. Insured.

March 1—Box 26 at 12:15 p. m. Tenements at 69 Cross St., owned by Adolph Routhier, caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

March 29—Box 27 at 10:23 a. m. Dwelling at 101 High St., owned by Arthur Archambault, caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.

April 5—Still alarm at 11:05 a. m. Dwelling at 115 Chestnut St., owned by Antonio Proulx, caused by match in basket. Insured.

April 8—Still alarm at 6:30 p. m. at 269 Worcester St., owned by Henry Lavoie, caused by paint remover. Insured.

May 15—Still alarm at 4:05 p. m. Mill at Ames Worsted, caused by overheated generator. Insured.

May 28—Still alarm at 12:01 a. m. Dwelling at 119 Dresser St., owned by John C. Reilly, caused by smoking in bed. Insured.

May 31—Box 45 at 6:40 a. m. Tenements and store at 192 Mechanic St., owned by Ernest Lippe, caused by careless smoking. Insured.

June 1—Still alarm at 5:26 p. m. Tenement at 206 Chapin St., owned by Pion and Blanchette, caused by boiling grease. Insured.

June 13—Still alarm at 3:50 p. m. Tenement at 640 Main St., owned by Alfred Lapierre, caused by children playing with matches. Insured.

June 24—Still alarm at 3:40 p. m. Store at 45 Hamilton St., owned by R. Robbins, caused by defective wiring. Insured.

June 29—Still alarm at 4:45 p. m. Garage at 10 Adeline St., owned by G. Fournier, caused by children playing with matches. Insured.

July 1—Still alarm at 10:55 a. m. Dwelling at 73 Newell Ave., owned by Noe Bourassa, caused by candle on window. Insured.

July 7—Still alarm at 11:54 a. m. Dwelling at 2 Walker Court, owned by Mrs. William Laliberte, caused by overheated stove. Insured.

July 9—Still alarm at 12:40 p. m. Bus at South St., owned by Worcester Street Railway, caused by cigarette. Insured.

July 16—Still alarm at 4:25 p. m. Dwelling at 19 Chapin St., owned by Mrs. William Laliberte, caused by boiling oil. Insured.

July 24—Still alarm at 12:55 p. m. Shed at 49 Lens St., owned by Mrs. F. Gaumond, caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.

July 29—Box 64 at 11:40 p. m. at 22 Hillcrest Ave., shed owned by Antoinette Langlois, caused by careless smoking. Insured.

August 7—Still alarm at 8:05 a. m. Factory at Vinton St., owned by Dani & Soldani, caused by overheated motor. Insured.

August 27—Still alarm at 6:53 p. m. Cafe at 15 Walcott St., owned by George Farve, caused from sparks from incinerator. Insured.

September 7—Still alarm at 10:54 a. m. Store at 333 Main St., owned by Metro Bros., caused by overheated motor. Insured.

October 9—Still alarm at 9:05 a. m. Stores and rooming house at 564 Hamilton St., owned by George Laughnane, caused by defective wiring. Insured.

November 3—Still alarm at 1:05 p. m. Dwelling at 235 Pleasant St., owned by Joseph Poirier, caused by sparks from stove into waste basket. Insured.

November 7—Still alarm at 2:15 a. m. Dwelling at 6 Proulx Ave., owned by Antonio Rusiecki, caused by careless smoking. Insured.

November 11—Box 64 at 12:03 p. m. Dwelling at 105 Plimpton St., owned by Louis Brunelle, caused by children playing with matches.

November 11—Box 64 at 12:03 p. m. Dwelling at 97 Plimpton St., owned by George Desmarais, caused by Brunelle fire. Insured.

November 15—Box 24 at 3:42 a. m. Dwelling at 72 High St., owned by Margaret Kershaw, caused by defective chimney. Insured.

November 23—Still alarm at 7:14 a. m. Dwelling at 333 Worcester St., owned by Armand DeAngelis, caused by defective fireplace. Insured.

November 30—Still alarm at 12:20 p. m. Dwelling at 116 Highland St., owned by George Tasse, caused by boiling fat on stove. Insured.

December 5—Still alarm at 4:16 p. m. Dwelling at 55 Coombs St., owned by Joseph Trahan, caused by burning grass near building. Insured.

December 15—Still alarm at 6:25 p. m. Dwelling at 121 North St., owned by Albert Bonnette, caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

December 19—Box 47 at 2:46 p. m. Dwelling at 169 Worcester St., owned by Dominic DeAngelis, caused by hot ashes. Insured.

December 19—Still alarm at 5:35 p. m. Dwelling at 9 Hillcrest Ave., owned by Aime Parent, caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

December 22—Still alarm at 1:44 p. m. Dwelling at 83 Crystal St., owned by Albert Boucher, caused by thawing water pipes. Insured.

December 28—Box 63 at 12:27 p. m. Dwelling at 159 Mill St., owned by Louis J. Demers, caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Permits

Transport Gasoline	103
High Explosives	2
Range Oil Burners	4,943
Power Burners	751
Open Air Permits	172
Removal of Empty Gasoline Tanks	1

INSPECTIONS

Stores	55
Hotels & Boarding Houses	21
Tenement Houses	911
Range Oil Burners	4,943
Power Oil Burners	751
Clubs & Cafes	23

In closing my report for the year, I wish to thank the citizens for their cooperation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief of Fire Department Oswald J. Meunier, on behalf of the members of the department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other town officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD J. MEUNIER

Chief

For the Fire Department

Bernard D. Sherry, Clerk

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 13 alarms for forest fires in 1942.

Last year's appropriation was \$2,100.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$270.51.

I recommend an appropriation of \$300.

Fire Wardens' salary \$200.

There were 172 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their cooperation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

Inventory of Forest Fire Department

One forest fire pump with 5000 ft. 1½" hose	\$ 600.00
One and one half ton Ford truck	1,185.00
One ton Ford truck	150.00
One Chevrolet truck	5.00
Thirty 2½ gallon fire extinguishers	210.00
Nine Indian fire hand pumps	150.00
Three ten-quart pails	2.50
Twenty-four brooms	24.00
Two shovels	2.00
Three pitch forks	3.00
Five hundred feet 1" hose	130.00

OSWALD J. MEUNIER

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$250.00 made for this department.

For the coming year, I recommend an appropriation of \$250.

In 1942 the ambulance has collected \$445.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$7.54.

During the past year, the ambulance made the following

trips:

Southbridge	152
Worcester	27
Sturbridge	19
Charlton	19
Dudley	4
Fiskdale	4
Grafton	4
Dodge	3
Boston	2
Tewksbury	1
Fall River	1
Rutland	1
West Boylston	1
Spencer	1
Brookfield	1
West Woodstock, Conn.	1

INVENTORY OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

One Ford ambulance	\$750.00
One spare tire	10.00
One folding stretcher	20.00
One first aid kit	5.00
Six blankets	24.00
Twelve sheets	9.00
Four pillow cases	2.00
One pillow	1.50

OSWALD J. MEUNIER

Chief of Fire Department

INVENTORY OF THE AUXILIARY FIRE DEPT.

Three Buffalo trailer pumps	\$4,577.80
5000 feet hose and nozzles	5,000.00
Sixty Acme gas masks	1,050.00
Sixty rubber coats	450.00
Sixty fire helmets	330.00
Sixty pairs rubber boots	285.00
One Kerotest cutting outfit	225.00
Thirty-five flashlights	49.39
Three dozen pails	34.20
Two husky lanterns	18.30
Ninety-six batteries	9.60
Three stone hammers	8.55
Three crow bars	6.48
Twenty-four bulbs	2.40
Three sledge handles	1.80

OSWALD J. MEUNIER

Chief of Fire Department

Report of Old Age Assistance

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

During the year 1942, the Bureau of Old Age Assistance assisted 229 cases. The following tabulation shows monthly details:

Month	Cases Added	Cases Closed	Cases Rejected	Cases Aided
January	6	2	1	200
February	1	6	2	195
March	5	3	0	197
April	2	1	0	198
May	6	17	3	187
June	2	4	1	185
July	5	1	2	189
August	2	1	0	190
September	2	1	1	191
October	1	6	2	186
November	0	7	2	179
December	1	3	0	177
Totals	33	52	14	

REASONS FOR CLOSING CASES

Deceased	16
To another City or Town	6
To accept employment	3
Children able to provide	17
To institutions	8
Able to provide for self	1
Married	1

The personnel of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance in performing duties imposed on them and exercising the power granted them are subject to the supervision of the State Department. Unless wholehearted effort and cooperation is given by the local bureau, reimbursements are not made by the department.

In May, 1942, there was a change in the method of determining contributions to Old Age recipients. It was necessary to revise completely the Old Age cases by compiling a new budget for each case.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE LARIVIERE, Chairman

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Clerk

HERMAS LIPPE, Other Member

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Report of Town Treasurer

For year ending December 31, 1942

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1942	\$ 208,890.68	
Receipts for 1942	1,301,882.03	
		<u>\$1,510,772.71</u>
1942 Disbursements		1,210,532.39
		<u>\$ 300,240.32</u>
Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1942		

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1943	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amount of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1942
\$ 9,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. School	1936	\$152,490.00	\$ 98,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	64,000.00
10,000.00	Storm Damage Loan	1939	40,000.00	10,000.00
			Total	<u>\$172,000.00</u>

TEMPORARY LOANS

\$100,000.00 - Anticipation of Revenue Loan.— Due May 1, 1943
 3,000.00 - Anticipation of Chap. 90 Receipts - Due Feb. 10, 1943

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

CEMETERY FUND

Book No.	Depository	Balance	Interest
		Dec. 31, 1942	1942
24902	Dedham Inst. for Savings	\$2,000.00	\$ 40.00
91607	* Fitchburg Savings Bank		40.00
22841	Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	61.88
4541	** Millbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	33.46
32073	Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,500.00	62.50
8465	Southbridge Savings Bank	4,509.25	76.05
150348	* Springfield Inst. for Savings		40.00
1498	Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	52.50
3791	Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	55.00
11619	Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank	1,714.68	94.28
54964	Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.00
91964	Cambridge Savings Bank	3,000.00	75.00
170011	Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	40.00
49264	Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	75.00
82904	Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
30302	Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
183325	New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	50.00
29044	Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	65.00
93327	* Worcester North Savings Bank		43.50
239 & 1057	Worcester Co-op. Fed. Savings	4,000.00	120.00
A-15753 & 12571	Workingmen's Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	100.00
6917 & 17538	Merchant's Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	100.00
819	Mattapan Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	70.00
845 & 3934	Mt. Washington Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
200 & 237	Congress Co-operative Bank	4,000.00	120.00
457	Southbridge Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	70.00
1353	Merrimack Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	70.00
2563	Suffolk Co-operative Bank	4,000.00	
560	Minot Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	17.50
887	Lincoln Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	20.00
Totals		\$72,652.45	\$1,861.67

Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1942	\$71,548.93
Added to Fund, 1942	1,180.00
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	\$72,728.93
Less - Net loss on final adjustment of Millbury Savings Bank Acct.	76.48
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	\$72,652.45

* These accounts closed in 1942.

** Original deposit of \$1,500.00 adjusted to \$1,453.52 due to fact that contingent claim of \$382.50 was finally settled for \$306.02. This represents a net loss of \$76.48 as shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS

Book No.	Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1942	Int. 1942	Balance Dec. 31, 1942
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MARY MYNOTT FUND

46690	Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$1,000.00
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BOYER FUND

31984	Southbridge Savings Bank	365.03	9.17	374.20
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JESSE J. ANGELL FUND

47690	Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,214.69	\$30.54	\$1,245.23
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ELLA M. COLE FUND

45612	Attleboro Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$1,000.00
94985	Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	25.00	1,000.00
176397	Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00

HANNAH M. EDWARDS CEMETERY FUND

The First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	\$5,000.00	\$80.00	\$5,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

Report of Board of Public Welfare

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its annual report for the year 1942. Due to the employment situation being at the highest peak during the year 1942, we are glad to mention that the case load has been the lowest in many years, making it possible to have a substantial balance left on the Temporary Aid account.

After a few years of great assistance to the town the Works Progress Administration ceased operation on December 31, on account of shortage of labor. We are thankful for the large amount of money saved by this Department through the W. P. A. and local projects during the past years when employment was difficult to secure.

The statistics presented in the following table shows the monthly relief situation throughout the year.

	Employable		Unemployable		Total	
	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons
January	30	119	71	83	101	202
February	32	131	68	76	100	207
March	46	147	53	92	99	239
April	25	129	64	73	89	202
May	42	163	43	64	85	227
June	37	122	41	72	78	194
July	25	86	47	90	72	176
August	33	111	45	93	78	204
September	37	100	41	119	78	219
October	23	86	48	83	71	169
November	28	116	51	84	79	200
December	25	89	49	76	74	165

The Federal Surplus Commodity Distribution Center has been active throughout the year in providing food and clothing to needy families, and also kept up the School Lunch Program at a high level.

The State Child Welfare District Service serving the towns of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton is still under the able supervision of Mrs. Edith Cushing.

This Department assisted through the Aid to Dependent Children program 20 families representing 48 persons. This program as well as the Old Age Assistance is under the close supervision of the State Department and the Federal Government. A substantial amount of reimbursement is received yearly from the State Department and the Federal Government. These reimbursements greatly reduce the net expenditure of this Department.

The Infirmary under the capable supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beauregard cared for a total of 24 inmates during the year 1942. With the assistance of a few inmates Mr. Beauregard delivered 130 cords of wood to needy families. In addition to his other duties, he transported all supplies for the local Surplus Commodity Distribution Center from the Worcester warehouse. This transportation saved a considerable sum to this Department.

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE LARIVIERE, Chairman
OVIDE DESROSIERS, Clerk
HERMAS LIPPE, Other Member
HERBERT H. MICHON, Supervisor

Board of Public Welfare

Report of Board of Health

To the citizens of Southbridge:

March fifth the Board of Health met and organized as follows: Dr. William E. Langevin, chairman; Dr. Armand O. DeGrenier, clerk, and Dr. Hervey L. Desmarais, the other member.

Twelve regular and four special meetings were held during the year. At the first regular meeting, it was voted to advertise for bids for the collection of garbage, as the previous contract for a period of three years expired April 1st. One bid for \$3,200.00 was received, which was an increase of \$700.00 above the figure approved on our budget. Since no provision was made for this extra amount, a special Town meeting was called in June to legalize the transfer of said sum from our general fund. The contract was awarded to Peter Krasowsky for one year. The increase in salary was attributed to shortage of help and expansion of the collection area.

The services of our milk testing laboratory have been available to all dealers and producers throughout the year. More and more, they realize the value of milk testing, to screen out suspicious cases of mastitis, and other diseases dangerous to human beings, also its relation in maintaining a healthy herd. We now have four pasteurization plants in operation, and one ready to install equipment. We feel that milk testing reports have stimulated this important measure.

Each year brings its list of major and minor complaints and demands for action in instances of alleged health nuisances, that have no substantial relation to the public health. Never-

theless, all written notices have been honored by an investigation, and recommendations sent to the party concerned. Many have co-operated and nuisances have been abated. At this time the Board wishes to inform the general public that the jurisdiction of local health authorities over nuisances extends to those matters that actually endanger health.

An unusual number of communicable diseases have been reported during the past year. This was due to the continuation of a mild scarlet fever epidemic, which started late in 1941. However, it is gratifying to report no fatalities.

Our clinics, for the promotion of health and the prevention of disease, have functioned according to schedule. Approximately eight hundred children attended these various clinics.

In closing the members of the Board of Health wish to express their appreciation to all persons, and organizations who have cooperated with the department in the promotion of community health.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. LANGEVIN, M. D., Chairman

ARMAND O. DeGRENIER, D. M. D.

HERVEY L. DESMARAIS, D. D. S.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health, I hereby submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office during the past year.

Chicken Pox	7	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	7
Lobar Pneumonia	18	Miliary Tuberculosis	1
Measles	74	German Measles	35
Mumps	33	Undulant Fever	1
Scarlet Fever	108	Paratyphoid Fever	1
Dog Bite	21	Total	306

List of deaths in Town for which this office has issued permits for burial.

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	7	Myocardial Disease	3
Arteriosclerotic Myocardial Degeneration	1	Mesenteric Thrombosis	1
Auricular Fibrillation	1	Pulmonary Embolus	1
Chronic Myocarditis	7	Ruptured aneurysm	1
Coronary Heart Disease	20	Abdominal Aorta	1
Vegetative Endocarditis	1	Cardiovascular renal Disease	2

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Atypical Pneumonia	1	Lobar Pneumonia	4
Broncho Pneumonia	5	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Hypostatic Pneumonia	4		

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Cerebral Apoplexy	5	Cerebral Thrombosis	3
Cerebral Hemorrhage	13	Multiple Sclerosis	1
Encephalitis	1		

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Adenocarcinoma of		Carcinoma of pancreas ...	1
Pharynx	1	Carcinoma of Liver	1
Acute gangrenous		Carcinoma of stomach ...	4
Appendix	1	Gastric Ulcer	1
Biliary Cirrhosis of		Perforated stomach	
Liver	1	ulcer	1
Cancer of Intestines	3	Perforation of Gall	
Cancer of mouth	1	Bladder	1
Cancer of tongue	1	General Peritonitis	1
Cancer of colon	5		

DISEASES OF GENTIOURINARY SYSTEM

Adenocarcinoma of rt.		Chronic Nephritis	3
Kidney	1	Hypernephroma of	
Carcinoma of servix		left Kidney	1
of uterus	1	Nephritis	1
Carcinoma of Bladder ...	1	Uremia	4
Carcinoma of uterus	1	Uterine Hemorrhage	1

ACCIDENTAL

Asphyxiation by ob- struction of larynx	1	Probable exsanguination	1
Fracture of Skull	3	Second Degree Burns	
Fracture of neck	1	on face, neck and thorax	1

ALL OTHERS

Asphyxiation by sus- pension (suicide)	2	Multiple Abscesses of Throat	1
Bullet wound in chest (suicide)	1	Rheumatic Fever	1
Prematurity	2	Still born	7
Diabetes Mellitus	3	Total	145

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

Agent-Board of Health

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1942.

Tuberculosis Clinic

The services of our monthly tuberculosis consultation clinic has been available all year, for the accommodation of patients, not only in this community, but for a rural area covering the following towns: Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Fiskdale, Sturbridge, Charlton, Oxford, Dudley and the Brookfields. The State Department of Health furnishes the professional personnel, which consists of two lung specialists from Rutland State Sanatorium, and an x-ray technician from the Westfield State Sanatorium. Patients are admitted for a chest examination and x-ray, with a written request from their own physician, so he may receive a report of the findings and recommendations. The physicians appreciate the facilities of the clinic to assist them to confirm a doubtful diagnosis. Two hundred and two patients were examined, representing twenty-six physicians and fourteen towns.

Diphtheria Immunization Clinic

Toxoid clinics are held each year as part of our program for the prevention of diphtheria. Children from six months to six years are given a series of three inoculations, three weeks apart, and six months later the same group receives the schick test to ascertain the number immunized. Between 80% and 85% are negative, the remaining 15% are required to have another series of inoculations. One hundred and fifty-five received the treatment, thirty-four of this number were pre-school.

Dental Clinic

Beginning in October and continuing through May, the dental clinic is opened Monday and Tuesday from 9 to 11.45 A. M. The first grade pupils in the parochial and public schools, with the necessary permit, are admitted early in the year in order to start as many as possible with good teeth and regular dental habits. Six year molars and fissures are filled and abscessed temporary teeth extracted. The second, third and fourth grade pupils report on schedule time, while emergencies in the selected grades are always admitted. Although a small percent of the total school population receive treatment, we endeavor to teach each pupil who attends the clinic the real value of a wholesome mouth, in the maintenance of good health. Dental certificates were awarded to those who had all necessary work completed.

Number of children who reported to clinic . . .	545
Number of extractions	56
Number of cleanings	409
Number of fillings	247
Number of children who received certificates	216

Pre-school Clinic

Since pre-school fitness is necessary for normal adulthood, we aim to have this group of children examined and defects corrected before entering school.

June third we registered one-hundred and sixty-seven children, recording height, weight and medical history. A week later two clinics were held by the school physician and Board of Health dentists, for a physical examination of each child. A hundred and forty children were examined, the defects listed as follows: Fifty-one had dental caries, fifty-one with abnormal tonsils, three had enlarged cervical glands, three with enlarged adenoids, two had eye squints, two with poor posture, one heart condition, and fifty had no defects, what-

soever. Thirty-nine received dental certificates, and sixty-nine parents signed to admit their children to the toxoid clinics.

Four girls spent eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp, maintained by the sale of Christmas seals. During this vacation they had an abundance of right food, supervised play, with lessons in swimming and various hand-crafts, also careful medical and nursing attention. Each girl gained weight: one six pounds; one, six and a half pounds; one, nine and a half pounds, and one, thirteen and a half pounds. Funds from the same source of good posture was stressed by the physician, and leaflets sponsored by the Samuel Higby Camp Institute for better posture, were distributed to the grammar school pupils. Four hundred children had their hearing tested with a 4C audiometer, and the results recorded on a special chart, giving the grade of each ear. A brief history on this chart often assists the doctor to diagnose the defect. The 4C audiometer consists of a phonograph using special records of simple numbers and having telephonic apparatus such that the numbers on the records are picked up electrically and conveyed through telephone receivers. Examination of the test papers show a number of children who fail to record numbers below a certain level. Some of these are actually hard of hearing, while others may fail for other reasons. It is therefore necessary to re-test about twenty percent of the children in each group to eliminate all except the hard of hearing.

Scarlet Fever cases continued to be reported from January to June. Two hundred home visits were made to instruct the families in the prevention and spread of the contagion. Very few developed complications, in fact the disease was so mild, it was difficult to enforce quarantine regulations.

At this time I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who have co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE,

Nurse—Board of Health

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

This has been a very trying year for the dairy farmers and milk dealers. It seems as though all the new regulations and rationing orders now in force for every one were first tried out on their own industry until they were not sure from time to time whether they would be out of business or not.

The dairymen at first initiated the voluntary every-other-day deliveries which now have become a law and are therefore compulsory. Milk and cream prices are regulated and fixed as before by the State Milk Control Board, but with the additional sanction of the federal authorities. The latest federal orders issued to the dairy industry state that there shall be no cream, by whatever name called, containing more than 19% butter-fats, sold to consumers. Also, the definition of the word "Producer" has been changed to include all those who process or bottle milk and cream or their products. All these regulations, federal and state as well as local, must be enforced by your Inspector.

This year we have acquired an electric water-bath used in making keeping-quality tests, very important in these days of 48-hour deliveries. We can also make Mastitis, Phosphatase and other serological cultures that do not require dry incubation.

Tests on butter-fats and solids were carried on as a matter of routine, in order not to duplicate the work that state inspectors are doing along these lines, but to make sure the dealers are selling milk and cream that comply with all legal standards.

More emphasis has been given analyses for keeping-qualities and bacterial counts, especially on the milk of cows suspected of having Mastitis. This can be, and is, a source of a

large percentage of the cost of milk to the consumer, as where precautionary measures are not taken, the whole herd of a farmer may become infected, thereby causing the loss of these animals and possibly creating a shortage of milk in this territory.

Tuberculin testing of cattle is pretty well covered by the state veterinarians, and the animals are slaughtered if they are found to be reactors. The Federal and State governments pay a subsidy to the farmer to partly reimburse him for the loss of his cattle due to T. B., but there is no subsidy for losses due to other diseases which would be pathogenic to human beings. Therefore, for these other diseases, the cows cannot be ordered slaughtered but they must be disposed of just the same. At present market prices for dairy cattle, which represent an increase of 100% since a year ago, it is obvious that any advice or help the dairy farmer receives in order to prevent, or at least arrest and control bovine diseases, can be appreciated by any consumer of milk, especially when these losses are reflected in the retail price of dairy products.

A number of the more informed dairy farmers are improving their herds by breeding up their stock and by blood-testing and inoculating their cattle against these diseases. This practice should be more widespread as it would tend to increase the production of milk from fewer but better animals. This also helps along our program of clean, safe milk, and eventually, the dairy farmer will have acquired an accredited herd, free from disease, and with care and without relaxing his precautionary measures he can safely raise his own livestock instead of paying high market prices for replacement animals.

It has been estimated that, for every \$6 of milk income, Mastitis costs the American producer \$1 in decreased production, lowered quality and cows lost. Tests made in our laboratory reveal that at least 20% of the dairy cows in this milk shed have this disease in some degree. This problem is one, therefore, which affects directly mostly every member of our population.

Mastitis is a preventable disease. Few herds are free from it, but if it is present in a herd, it can be controlled with the help and co-operation of your Inspector, the veterinarian, county agent, state agricultural college and other government bureaus. These people, with the farmer's own observations, can teach the farmer a great deal about Mastitis: e. i., its costs, hazards, nature, cause, prevention, and cure.

Especially hazardous is the careless human infection of the bovine udder with organisms which are pathogenic. This justifies the increasing vigilance of public health officials everywhere in this regard. It will always be true that safeguarding the actual production of the milk is preferable to any dependence on pasteurization or other processes for safety. Sections 16, 17 and 18 of our Food Regulations are very necessary and should be enforced at all times, especially now that this area has been declared to be essential in the production of critical war materials.

During the year, we have conducted the following tests and analyses on samples taken at the milk plants, dairy farms and from the vehicles of the dealers:

Butter-Fats Tests (Composite Samples)	317
Individual cows tested for Butter-Fats	106
Solids Tests	245
Acidity Tests	78
Phosphatase Tests, (Pasteurization)	26
Keeping-Qualities Tests	436
Mastitis Analysis (Compostic Samples)	316
Individual Cows tested for Mastitis	142
Microscopic Bacteria Counts & Examinations	680
Number of Cows disposed of for Mastitis	23
Number of Cows disposed of for Bang's Dis.	3
Number of Samples collected	729
1 Sample of Goat's milk was also tested.	
Total Tests	1,350.
Total Analyses	996.
Dairy Farms and Milk Plants visited	89

According to a questionnaire we filled out at the request of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, we estimated the following amount of milk or cream sold in Southbridge, as of March 23, 1942:

Milk	9,915 quarts daily
Cream	190 " "

Approximately 65% of this milk and cream is pasteurized, compared to the state average of 87%.

The following milk or milk product licenses were granted during the year, divided as follows:

Pasteurizing Plants	4
Ice Cream Manufacturers	2
Stores, Hotels, Restaurants	61
Dealers, (Vehicles)	37
Oleomargarine	9

Several producers have sold out their routes and sell their entire milk production to other dealers. Also, quite a number of dairy farmers have sold their livestock and have gone out of production. The scarcity of farm labor and the added difficulties accruing in the shape of restrictions, gasoline and tire allotments, daily workers accepting more lucrative jobs in war plants or enlisting in the armed forces, are the principal reasons or causes for this situation. The demand for milk and its products remain about the same in spite of the absence of all the younger men who have already left their homes to join the armed forces of our country. In fact, mostly all dealers could sell more milk very easily if it were available.

We wish to thank all those who have co-operated with us in our efforts to provide clean, safe milk and cream for our citizens, and enabled us to perform our duties which are not always easy or pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,

Milk Inspector

REPORT OF FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

The building and alteration of food establishments started last year has continued to a limited extent this year to the pleasure and convenience of their patrons. There would doubtless be more renovations if the scarcity of materials did not prevent such improvements.

Several times in the past we have been urged by the District, State and Federal Public Health officials to adopt and enforce a concise and inclusive set of regulations governing food handling, processing and storing of foods and the care of all utensils and equipment used in these places.

We have accomplished this by inserting some of our present food, health and milk regulations, those are directly related to the public health aspect of the food handlers, customers, and the general public patronizing these places, and a few new ones were added, all this without casting any reflections on the present management of these establishments.

For instance, the common drinking glass or cup, and towels (cloth) are excluded, as well as the dish-drying cloths, in both industrial and commercial eating and drinking places. The medical authorities everywhere are unanimous in agreeing that these articles are the greatest spreaders of communicable diseases.

Sterilizing dishes and utensils should not prove as difficult as it sounds for, in this instance, it only means the additional use of boiling water or a chlorine rinse after these pieces are washed, thereby eliminating the use of dish-drying cloths.

These new regulations and the methods of testing the various utensils for bacterial growths are adapted from those of other cities and towns who have had a number of years of experience along these lines. They are not so severe or imprac-

tical as to be impossible of enforcement, and the methods of procedures for examinations of the utensils are not too complicated or time-consuming.

Aside from the fact that this area has been declared to be essential for the production of critical war material in this emergency, these precautionary rules should be a part of the governing laws of any well-ordered community of the size of Southbridge.

During the year, I have visited the following places of business:

Groceries and Markets	83	Inspections
Restaurants and Lunch Rooms	49	"
Soda Fountains	9	"
Hotels and Cafes	38	"
Dairies and Milk Plants	62	"
Ice Cream Plants	5	"
Bakeries	13	"
Soft Drink Bottling Works	2	"
Total number of inspections	261.	

Minor changes were made where we recommended them, and practices considered detrimental or hazardous to public health were abandoned, but the surveys showed a lack of uniform rules compiled under one heading as we now have in effect.

We sincerely hope to receive soon the remainder of the necessary laboratory equipment about which we have filled out so many different priority applications as they are sorely needed for both food and milk inspections and examinations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Food Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health,
Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering
for the year ending December 31, 1942.

Number of carcasses of beef	14
Number of carcasses of veal	76
Number of carcasses of hog	137
Number of carcasses of sheep	17
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	244

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. AUCOIN

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

Sanitary plumbing construction for this year has been less than for the last two or three years for various reasons, principally because skilled laborers are working in war plants, army or navy camps, or serving in the armed forces, and also because of the scarcity of materials available for civilian use, except that allowed for the repair and upkeep of properties.

Rumors have been circulating lately that there is to be some emergency defense housing work projects here next year, but nothing definite has been confirmed up to the present time.

The majority of this year's work has been in repairs and renewals of old and worn out fixtures and appliances when these were available. The present scarcity of skilled labor and materials is all that prevents the continuation of new constructions.

During the year, the following fixtures and appliances were installed and work accomplished:

	New	Old
Water Closets	164	12
Lavatories	120	6
Bath Tubs	57	7
Kitchen & Industrial Sinks	108	28
Laundry Trays	7	0
Sink & Tray Combinations	20	0
Gas Water Heaters	21	0
Oil Water Heaters	8	0
Coal Water Heaters	4	0
Indirect Water Heaters	1	0

Tankless Water Heaters	8	0
Stove & Furnace Coils	8	0
Hot Water Tanks	110	4
Urinals	4	0
Slop Sinks	0	1
Shower Stalls	7	0
Beer Dispensers	1	0
Washing Machines	9	0
Floor Drains	2	
Soda Fountains	0	1
Water Piping Jobs	28	
Lunch Bars	1	0
Washing Fountains	14	0
Septic Tanks	3	0
House Drains & Sewer Conn.	12	
Miscellaneous Repairs	29	
New Fixtures installed	675	
Used Fixtures installed	59	
Permits granted	243	
Number of Inspections	456	
Number of Water Tests	52	
Unfinished Jobs	17	

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the fine co-operation extended to me by the personnel of the Health Department, the master and journeymen plumbers of Southbridge and other cities, and the property owners of this town.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

Due to the shortage of rubber and the rationing of gasoline caused by the war, the Director of Animal Disease Control, in Boston, cancelled the customary annual inspection of barns and stables and the census of the cattle, hogs, sheep and goats which was formerly done in early November of each year.

However, I carried on the other duties of this job as usual, and accomplished the following work:

Barn and stable inspections	52
Barns disinfected	1
Heads of cattle imported from other states and Canada checked for ear tag numbers and blood test certificates	47
Heads of cattle quarantined for Mastitis and Bang's Disease	31
Dog bites investigated and animals quarantined for 14 days	23
Total number of animals inspected	387

There is a noticeable trend among dairy farmers, especially, to improve their herds by buying better livestock from within the state or importing them from other states or Canada.

Artificial breeding is also being tried out by farmers and herd owners, which will permit them to raise better milk producers in larger numbers from inferior cattle, so that eventually they may breed out all scrub cattle and replace them with good graded livestock at a fraction of the previous cost.

A considerable number of dairy farmers are also having their cattle blood-tested and are weeding out the reactors, but Mastitis is still a source of trouble and makes up a large percentage of the cost of dairy products in animals ordered disposed of and unmarketable milk. T. B. reactors are found occasionally and are ordered slaughtered, but the farmers receive a subsidy from the state and the Federal governments which partly reimburses them for the loss and helps them out toward the purchase of a replacement.

As the market price of ordinary dairy cattle has doubled in about 15 months, from \$115 to \$200 or more per head, these protective measures are proving their worth in saving these animals. Cows with Mastitis may now be treated at a comparatively small cost, and cases cured are from 80-90% of those treated, provided preventive measures are taken against the recurrence of the disease.

A clinic for the inoculation of dogs against rabies is again recommended this year, to be held preferably in March, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF MEDICAL INSPECTOR OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS FOR YEAR 1942

To the Honorable Board of Health,

Town of Southbridge, Mass.

The annual physical inspection of the pupils was carried out in our three parochial schools, viz: St. Mary's, Notre Dame and Ste. Jeanne d'Arc with the following to be reported:

Total number of pupils examined:

St. Mary's	175
Notre Dame	448
Ste. Jeanne d'Arc	337
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Grand total	960

Defects noted were as follows in each school:

St. Mary's

Carious teeth	30	Eye defects corrected	
Infected tonsils	47	with glasses	4
Enlarged glands	6	Curvature of spine	3
Foot defects	3	Infected scalp	5
Cerumen in ear	2	Deviated nasal septum ...	18
Skin disease	2	Faulty Posture	2
		Tumor of Eye-lid	1

Defects of sufficient severity to warrant notice to be sent to parents 29.

Notre Dame

Carious teeth	57	Heart murmur	3
Infected tonsils	73	Curvature of spine	5
Enlarged glands	9	Postural defects	10
Skin disease	5	Infected scalp	23
Foot defects	3	Deviated nasal septum	7
Cerumen in ear	19	Eyes corrected with	
Speech impairment	1	glasses	19
Eye squint	5		

Defects for which notices were sent to parents 78.

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc

Carious teeth	75	Deviated nasal septum	4
Infected tonsils	77	Eye squint	3
Enlarged glands	19	Eyes corrected with	
Foot defects	3	glasses	10
Skin disease	2	Infected scalp	18
Cerumen in ear	11	Speech defect	1
Curvature of spine	6	Bronchial asthma	1
Postural defect	6		

Defects requiring notice to parents 77.

Of particular note in the above statistics is the fact that of the total defects reported many were of a very slight nature. Hence the comparatively small number of notices sent to parents in relation to the aggregate total of defects recorded.

In general, it may be safely said that the health of our parochial school children is maintained at a very satisfactory standard. Outstanding among the defects detected are carious teeth together with infected tonsils. However it is gratifying that notices sent to parents are meeting with ever increasing cooperation. As evidence of this, our records this year disclose correction of thirty-two cases of defective tonsils which were called to the attention of the parents the year previous.

Aside from the notices sent to the parents for correction of the more serious defects as a means of improving the general state of health of these school children, a special effort has been made to call the personal attention of each child to the importance of meticulous dental hygiene and of correct posture.

At the outset of 1942 Southbridge together with Worcester County and various parts of the Commonwealth was visited with an outbreak of Scarlet Fever. The disease, though of a generally mild character, did threaten to become quite widespread, and was a cause of some concern to our department, for the fact that the first cases in town were found in our parochial schools. Daily inspection of throats in these schools for close onto three weeks in an endeavor to detect cases early and, thereby institute quarantine and eliminate the spread of the disease through diffusion of contacts, did contribute, we feel, to prevent the spread of the disease to alarming proportions. In this work, our local Catholic clergy as well as the Sisters at the various schools gave us most helpful cooperation.

In the work of the department, the Medical Inspector was ably and untiringly assisted by Miss Houle, our Public Health Nurse, whose assistance we gratefully acknowledge. This report affords us also the opportunity to extend our thanks to the Board of Health for its endorsement of our work. May we also express our appreciation to the Clergy and to the Sisters of the various schools for their unmeasured cooperation which contributed to facilitate our work.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. LANGEVIN, M. D.

Medical Inspector

Report of Town Clerk

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1942.

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of Births	409
Number of Deaths	179
Number of Marriages recorded	227
Number of Intentions filed	211

DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued 1942:

Males, 573 at \$2.00	\$1,146.00	
Females, 103 at \$5.00	515.00	
Spayed Females, 166 at \$2.00	332.00	
Kennel, 1 at \$25.00	25.00	\$2,018.00
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Payment to Treasurer	\$1,779.80	
Fees retained, 843 at .20	168.60	
Deduction of overpayment	5.40	
Balance December 31, 1942	64.20	\$2,018.00
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MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

Licenses issued 1942:

Auctioneer, 5 at \$2.00	\$	10.00	
Firearms, 2 at \$3.00		6.00	
Gasoline storage, 69 at .50		34.50	
Hawkers and pedlers, 6 at \$2.50		15.00	
Junk, 9 at \$15.00		135.00	
Pool and bowling, 7		125.00	\$ 346.00

SPORTING LICENSES

Cash balance January 1, 1943		\$75.00
Series No. 1 768 at \$ 2.00	\$1,536.00	
2 426 at \$ 2.00	852.00	
3 308 at \$ 3.25	1,001.00	
4 185 at \$ 1.25	231.25	
5 5 at \$ 2.25	11.25	
6 10 at \$ 5.25	52.50	
8 9 at \$ 1.50	13.50	
11 2 at \$10.25	20.50	
13 15 at .50	7.50	
		\$3,800.50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$3,338.50	
Fees retained at .25	428.25	
Cash balance December 31, 1942	33.75	
		\$3,800.50

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE BOYER

Town Clerk

Report of War Price and Rationing Board No. 284

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The War Price and Rationing Board of Southbridge came into existence on January 5, 1942, when in compliance with the request of His Excellency Governor Saltonstall, you appointed George W. Laughnane, J. Edouard Demers, and Arthur Kay, as board members for our community to carry on the work as a patriotic duty.

Because of the rubber shortage, automobile tires, and tubes, were the pressing commodities of the hour that needed to be rationed, and through your generosity this work was performed for some time, by the use of your own office quarters.

As our work increased, additional office space became necessary and for a time it appeared that we were encroaching upon practically every office in the Town Hall. However, with the enlarged quarters we now have in the Memorial Hall, which have been so kindly donated to our use for the duration, by the patriotic organizations that formerly occupied them and which you have so generously fitted up for our needs, we feel we can now carry on our work with much better advantage than heretofore.

In March last, it became necessary to appoint a full time clerk to look after the detail work, which with the passing of time continued to grow and which up to then, had been looked after by your Secretary, Mr. Edward LeClair, whom you appointed as administrator to help us.

Indeed, with the rationing of typewriters, bicycles, rubber work boots, stoves, sugar, coffee, gasoline, fuel oil, and price control, in addition to tires and tubes, we have been required to enlarge the office personnel to five, with the prospect of a still further increase in the not distant future, to take care of more food commodities, shortly to be rationed.

As the activities of the rationing board are under the United States Government, they assume payment of salaries of clerks, but the Federal budget makes no provision for office rent, light, heat, telephone and telegrams or incidental supplies. We have, however, received some desks, chairs and filing cabinets from the Boston Office of Price Administration, but the expense for some indispensable office equipment, in addition to telephone and telegraph charges, has been taken care of through town appropriations.

It should be explained that Massachusetts established rationing boards in small as well as large communities and in consequence, some 360 boards were created. In many other States the practice has been to set up a relatively small number of boards with large staffs which requires its residents to conduct their business by mail or travel perhaps 30 or 40 miles to have their problems attended to. While the plan of our Commonwealth may be a little more expensive of operation, it is so much more convenient for our citizens, that the added community cost, we believe, is cheerfully accepted.

In addition to the enlarged office personnel it was found advisable some time ago, to increase the number of board members from three to twelve, the group being divided into

four panels of three members each. Under this method rationed commodities are distributed among the various panels so that the public may be better served.

Our school faculty as well as representatives of the Red Cross Motor Corps and Civilian Defense organizations, together with a large number of individuals, have been so generous in assisting us in our work that our board wishes to make grateful acknowledgment of their valuable help and kindness.

This report is presented at some length so that our fellow-townsmen may appreciate our responsibilities, our desire to perform our duties to the very best of our ability, and to also explain why an appropriation from the town is necessary to meet operating expenses not otherwise provided for.

Respectfully submitted,

WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD NO. 284

ARTHUR KAY

Chairman

Report of the Planning Board

Citizens of the Town of Southbridge, Mass.

Your Planning Board herewith submits its annual report for the fiscal year.

We have had the resignation of two members during the year, namely: George R. Tasse, who was the chairman, and Edgar R. Paquette. Both were active in the formation of the present zoning laws. They have both secured positions out of town, the reason for their resignations.

Mr. Mitchell Kurposka was appointed by the selectmen to replace Mr. Tasse on the board. No one has been appointed to the other vacancy, which occurred in December.

The Planning Board meetings are now being held on the second Monday of each month, in their office in the Town Hall.

As building construction has been at a minimum during the year, the board has had but routine business to transact.

We have to report one violation of the zoning laws, which violation has been referred to the building inspector for enforcement.

We have had one change in the zoning laws, when at a special Town Meeting, held on December 21st, 1942, a majority vote of the assembled citizens voted to amend the laws as

follows: to change from a multiple residence district to a light industry district, the area on Park Street, on which stands the building formerly occupied by the Southbridge Buick Co. This change was opposed by a unanimous vote of the Planning Board.

The Planning Board is returning the bulk of its 1942 appropriation on account of the building and war conditions, and is requesting an appropriation of \$100 for the year 1943. Whenever conditions change your board feels that they will then request a larger appropriation to properly carry on the work.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN PLANNING BOARD

By R. A. BAIL, Chairman

EMELIEN FOURNIER, Secretary

ARTHUR LAPERLE

MITCHELL KURPOSKA

Building Report of 1942

OFFICE OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of building construction in Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1942.

Comparative figures of 1941 and 1942 are given to show how government restrictions have curtailed construction of all kinds with the exception of industrial expansion, which constituted 75% of all money expended for building.

	1942		1941			
	Units	Value	Units	Value		
Single family units	9	41,000	38	197,500	Down,	80%
Two-apartment units	2	14,000	24	159,000	Down,	91%
Multi-family units	0	none	5	48,000	Down,	100%
Industrial and Commercial units	6	207,500	8	151,400	Up,	37%
Garages	8	1,540	22	14,155	Down,	90%
Alterations, repairs, etc.	14	12,750	39	71,300	Down,	82%
Totals	29	276,790	138	642,055	Down,	56.9%
Additional families provided for	21		101			

The above figures show clearly how the people of Southbridge abided by government restrictions on building. We would like to take this opportunity to inform prospective builders exactly what is to be done to comply with War Production Board requirements.

First a permit must be obtained from this office accompanied by a sketch, or drawing. If local requirements are met, a form must be obtained from the W. P. B. in Worcester or Boston, (Form No. PD 200). This form must be filled correctly, and anyone may receive help from this office which is open from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. Monday evenings. If this application is approved, the applicant will receive written notification, after which he may proceed with the work.

Permission from the W. P. B. is necessary on all construction which totals \$200.00 or more, including labor and material.

Respectfully submitted,

Building Inspector

Report of the Trustees of the World War Memorial Park

During the past year the maintenance of the park was kept at a minimum. The tulip tree in the front center of the park was removed, as it was dangerous to people passing by. This tree was struck by lightning several years ago and the lightning killed this tree.

Four new benches were added this year. We wish to add that this park was used more this year than any preceding year.

The shrubs and small trees were also pruned and sprayed this year.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the assistance of the firemen in helping to keep the appearance of the park in such fine shape.

Trustees
World War Memorial Park
OSWALD J. MEUNIER

Report of Highway Department

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Your Board of Street Commissioners wish to submit the following report of the work of the Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 1942.

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent's Salary	\$1,935.00
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RUBBISH COLLECTION

The Town rubbish collection was carried on under the supervision of this Department on a contract basis for \$1,975.00. Regular collections were made twice a month from April 1st to November 15th inclusive. A total of fifteen collections were made.

TOWN DUMP

This work was carried on under the supervision of this Department with expenditures as follows:

Labor	\$886.08	
Rental of Grounds	125.00	\$1,011.08

ROAD MACHINERY (New Equipment)

The following new equipment was purchased this year:

1 Nelson Model KR-5 Snow Loader	\$3,652.75	
1 Chevrolet Club Coupe	901.00	\$4,553.75

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

This work was carried on by this Department under the supervision of the State Department of Public Works, with the exception of Dresser Hill Road which was done by the Frank J. Shields Construction Company. The expenditures were as follows:

Labor	\$1,889.85	
Machinery Rental	1,190.48	
Road Tar	634.02	
Sand	10.00	
Gravel	39.00	
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	83.44	
Plain Concrete Pipe	96.00	
Brick	31.74	\$3,974.51

DRESSER HILL ROAD

GRAVELING: Labor \$219.10, Machinery Rental \$880.28, Gravel 39.00	
SURFACE TREATMENT: Labor \$52.55, Sand \$10.00, Tar \$634.02	
SETTING STATION MARKERS: Labor \$9.00, Machinery Rental \$3.00	\$1,846.95

NORTH WOODSTOCK ROAD

DRAINAGE: Labor \$64.00, Machinery Rental \$14.40	
CUTTING BRUSH: Labor \$86.20, Machinery Rental \$14.40	
SETTING STATION MARKERS: Labor \$9.00, Machinery Rental \$3.00	
CLEANING SHOULDERS: Labor \$348.90, Machinery Rental \$79.50	\$ 619.40

OLD NORTH WOODSTOCK ROAD

DRAINAGE: Labor \$36.40, Machinery Rental \$40.00	
CUTTING BRUSH: Labor \$39.20, Machinery Rental \$10.80	
CLEANING SHOULDERS: Labor \$180.40, Machinery Rental \$38.00	\$ 308.40

EAST MAIN STREET AND DUDLEY ROAD

DRAINAGE: Labor \$53.60, Machinery Rental \$13.20	
CUTTING BRUSH: Labor \$39.20, Machinery Rental \$10.80	
CLEANING SHOULDERS: Labor \$147.30, Machinery Rental \$15.00	\$ 252.30

WORCESTER STREET

DRAINAGE: Labor \$406.60, Machinery Rental 68.40, Brick \$31.72, Catch Basin Frames and Grates \$83.44, Plain Concrete Pipe \$96.00	\$ 686.16
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RIVER ROAD

DRAINAGE: Labor \$53.60, Machinery Rental \$13.20	
CUTTING BRUSH: Labor \$39.20, Machinery Rental \$10.80	
CLEANING SHOULDERS: Labor \$80.00, Machinery Rental \$14.50	\$ 211.30

MECHANIC STREET

DRAINAGE: Labor \$21.40, Machinery Rental \$3.60	\$ 25.00
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HAMILTON STREET

DRAINAGE: Labor \$21.40, Machinery Rental \$3.60	\$ 25.00
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ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Gasoline	\$2,094.17	
Grader and Snow Plow Blades	1,377.43	
Repairs to Equipment	866.35	
Insurance	517.44	
Tire Chains and Links	498.60	
New and Recapped Tires	475.48	
Automotive Parts	535.23	
Tow Chains	370.13	
Motor Oil and Grease	227.83	
Scarifier Teeth for Gasoline Roller	105.84	
Equipment Registrations	25.75	
Official Inspections of Equipment	6.50	\$7,100.74

SNOW AND ICE

Labor	\$3,129.98	
Grade CC Rock Salt	172.62	
Truck Hire	99.00	
Rental of Gasoline Shovel	75.00	
Sand	35.70	
Meals served to men working nights and holidays	45.40	\$3,557.70

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Labor	\$16,503.95
Paid Vacations	944.80
Telephone	123.23
Lights	39.76
Fuel	219.30
Truck Hire	806.48
Gasoline Shovel Rental	289.16
Office Supplies, Printing and Postage	102.65
Kerosene	85.26

Supplies	437.55	
Cold Patch	599.69	
Road Tar	2,148.65	
Fire Extinguishers	65.20	
Gravel	566.00	
Rubber Boots	86.75	
Raincoats	104.00	
Dynamite and Blasting Caps	13.95	
Electrical Repairs	7.47	
Tools Repaired and Sharpened	23.08	
Crushed Stone	337.28	
Water	8.60	
Photographs	8.75	
Cement	412.97	
Street Brooms	63.34	
Re-inforced Concrete Pipe	151.95	
First Aid Supplies	117.09	
Cadet Creme	10.80	
Oxygen and Acetylene	36.67	
Lumber	168.45	
Sand	31.23	
Calcium Chloride	542.72	
Stone Pickers	9.00	
Catch Basin Spoons	76.15	
Rental of Shover Trailer	48.76	
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	42.00	
Brick	27.33	
Office Linoleum	66.90	
Tar Kettle Dippers	7.50	
Compressor Rental	230.57	\$25,628.69

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED BEAULIEU
 GEORGE LAFLECHE
 LOUIS C. DIONNE

Board of Street Commissioners

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present to you the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1942.

Scales	Sealed	Condemned
Platform over 10,000 lbs.	4	
Platform to 10,000 lbs.	1	
Platform 1 to 5,000 lbs.	7	2
Counter over 100 lbs.	1	
Counter under 100 lbs.	16	1
Beam over 100 lbs.	4	
Spring over 100 lbs.	1	
Spring under 100 lbs.	3	2
Computing under 100 lbs.	49	2
Personal Weighing	8	1
Weights		
Avoirdupois	129	2
Vehicle Tanks	1	
Liquid Measures	1	
Meters	11	2
Meters	15	
Yardsticks	20	
Total	271	12

Peddlers Licenses	15
Markings on Bread	320
Weighing of Bread	320
Food Packages	231
Coal Inspections	3
Clinical Thermometers	72
Retest of Devices	7
All other inspections	312
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Respectfully submitted,

G. R. LARIVIERE

Sealer

Report of An Audit
OF THE
Accounts
OF THE
Town of Southbridge

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1942



Made in Accordance with the Provisions of
Chapter 44, General Laws

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston

February 11, 1943

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Leo J. Cournoyer, Chairman

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1942, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL

Director of Accounts

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1942, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were verified by comparison with the treasurer's records, while the disbursements as recorded were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing payments and with the treasurer's books.

The appropriations and transfers voted by the Town, as shown by the town clerk's records, were checked to the accountant's ledger. The ledger accounts were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1942.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer, while the payments by the treasurer were checked to the selectmen's warrants authorizing the

disbursement of town funds. The cash book additions were verified and the treasurer's cash balance on January 12, 1943, was proved by reconciliation of bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds and of the contributory retirement system funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The tax title deeds on hand were examined and listed, the amounts transferred from the several tax levies to the tax title account being verified. The tax titles as listed were checked with the records in the office of the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of taxes were examined and verified by comparison with the assessors' warrants, the recorded collections were checked to the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were verified by comparison with the treasurer's books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the commitment books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, town clerk, and health department were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and the town were verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of rentals of municipal buildings were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the police, fire, highway, public welfare, school, library, and cemetery departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

During the audit, cooperation was extended by all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS

AND

BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ended

December 31, 1942

RECEIPTS
1942
General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	10,272.00	
Personal	80,144.29	
Real Estate	295,452.10	
Motor Vehicle Ex- cise	31,629.33	517,497.72

Previous Years:

Poll	45.00	
Personal	3,091.03	
Real Estate	87,982.18	
Motor Vehicle Ex- cise	733.55	91,851.76

From State:

Income Tax	52,921.00	
Corporation Tax — Chapter 58, Section 20, G. L.—Business	57,210.71	110,131.71

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Licenses:

Liquors	13,648.00
Peddlers, Hawkers and Junk	174.50
Sunday Store	171.00
Common Victualers and Innholders	150.00
Pool, Billiard and	

GENERAL REVENUE (Continued)

Bowling	43.00	
Pasteurizing, Milk and Oleomargarine	90.00	
Auto Dealers	36.00	
Auctioneers	10.00	
Taxis and Drivers	64.00	
Firearms	48.50	
All Other	46.00	14,481.00
Permits:		
Gas and Motor Oil	2.00	
Kerosene and Fuel Oil	1.00	
All Other	3.00	6.00
Fines and Forfeits:		
Court Fines	1,046.00	1,046.00
Grants and Gifts:		
Vocational and American Education Classes	15,496.17	
Vocational Education of Defense Workers	35,741.50	
George Deen—School Fund	4,891.35	
Smith Hughes - School Fund	4,677.33	
Old Age Assistance		
Meal Tax	436.18	61,242.53
County—Dog Licenses	1,871.95	1,871.95
Highway Aid:		
State and County:		
Highway Gas Distribution, Chapter 420 Acts of 1941	26,103.97	26,103.97

GENERAL REVENUE (Continued)

Chapter 90:

State	4,170.07	
County	3,666.80	7,836.87

Federal:

Aid to Dependent Children	3,812.32	
Old Age Assistance	34,195.90	38,008.22

All Other General Revenue:

Tax Demands	152.25	
Redemption of Deed	3.00	
Tax Title Redeemed	54.43	
Advertising and Fee for Sale of Real Estate	5.55	215.23

Total General Revenue		870,292.96
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Commercial Revenue

Departmental:

General Government:

Selectmen:

Sale of Lumber from Cole Lot	5.00	
Sale of Dresser Hill Road Fence	69.75	74.75

Town Hall:

Rental	915.00	915.00
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Engineering:

Replacing Bounds	13.90	13.90
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		1,003.65
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 COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)
Protection of Persons
and Property:

Police:

Station Rental	1,225.00	
All Other	7.60	1,232.60

Fires:

Sale of Old Ma- terials	64.35	
All Other	38.00	102.35
Sealer of Weights and and Measures	101.45	101.45
Ambulance Fees	445.00	445.00

 1,881.40

Health and Sanitation:

Health:

Contagious Diseases and Tuberculosis	1,515.53	
Recovered from other Towns	182.95	1,698.48

 1,698.48

Highways:

Rental Equipment	539.75	
Sale of Old Materials	9.00	548.75

 548.75
Public Welfare and
Charities:

Temporary Aid:

Reimbursement from Individuals	52.50	
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 COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Reimbursement from Cities and Towns	2,333.47	
Reimbursement from State	7,676.96	10,062.93
Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State	4,588.27	4,588.27
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	27,299.91	
From Cities and Towns	719.16	28,019.07
Soldiers' Benefits:		
State Aid	1,060.00	
Military Aid	715.00	1,775.00
Infirmary:		
Sale of Washing Machine	7.95	7.95
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		44,453.22
Schools and Libraries:		
Schools:		
Tuition — High and Cole Trade Schools	10,298.47	
Tuition and Trans- portation of State Wards	664.19	
Sale of Books and Supplies	1,146.47	
Rental of Audi- torium	24.00	12,133.13

 COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Libraries:

Fines	799.22	799.22
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 12,932.35

W. P. A.:

Reimbursement from Twin City Cleaners	9.45	
Red Cross Sewing Project	6.00	15.45

 15.45

Unclassified:

Tailings	50.46	50.46
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 50.46

Total Departmental Revenue	62,583.76
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SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Assessments:

Sewers Added to Taxes	1,387.82	
Unapportioned Sewers	1,478.44	
Sewer Assessments Paid in Advance	58.06	2,924.32

Sidewalk Assessments:

Sidewalks Added to Taxes	712.41	
Unapportioned Sewers	569.28	1,281.69

Total Assessment Revenue	4,206.01
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 COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

INTEREST

Taxes	3,506.29	
Tax Title Redeemed	7.32	3,513.61
Special Assessments:		
Sidewalks:		
Committed Interest	86.58	
Added Interest	10.90	97.48
Sewers:		
Committed Interest	210.29	
Added Interest	40.19	250.48
Trust and Investments:		
Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	65.00	
Mary Mynott (Library)	25.00	
Cemetery	1,941.67	2,031.67
Total Interest		5,893.24

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	350,000.00	
Anticipation of Chapter 90 Revenue	3,000.00	353,000.00

 Total Municipal Indebtedness 353,000.00

CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots and Graves	664.73
Graves Opened	433.00

 COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Foundation Installed	12.25	1,109.98	
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Total Cemetery Revenue			1,109.98

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

Dog License Fees —		
County	1,779.80	1,779.80

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,180.00	1,180.00
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment			2,959.80
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REFUNDS

General Departments:

Town Accountant	5.00
Town Hall	85.00
Health Department	336.32
Ambulance	8.79
Road Machinery	
Maintenance Account	.75
Forest Fire Department	.75
Old Age Assistance	84.50
Old Age Assistance	
Federal Grant	197.55
Temporary Aid	92.50

 COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Aid to Dependent Children	19.38	
Aid to Dependent Children Federal Grant	12.00	
Soldiers' Relief (1941 Account)	6.00	
State Aid	10.00	
Infirmary	32.80	
School — Insurance Refund	6.47	
Insurance	930.55	
National Defense	6.72	
Balance in Tax Col- lector's Bank Account	1.20	1,836.28
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Total Refunds		1,836.28
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Total Commercial Revenue		431,589.07
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Total General and Commercial Revenue		1,301,882.03
Cash on Hand January 1, 1942		208,890.68
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		1,510,772.71

EXPENDITURES

1942

General Government

Moderator:		60.00
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Selectmen:		
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Salaries and Wages:

Chairman	550.00	
2 Members	900.00	
Assistant Clerk	662.00	2,112.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	128.67
Printing and Adver- tising	21.24
Travel, Mileage, Meals, etc.	171.07
Telephone	253.01
Office Equipment Maintenance	25.11
Taxi Drivers' Badges	29.85
Association Dues	6.00
Funeral Bouquets	10.00

War Service Expenses:

Letterheads, Envelopes, Postage & Drives	93.31	738.26
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		<u>2,850.26</u>
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Accountant:		
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Salaries & Wages:

Accountant	2,333.34	
Clerical Assistance	217.10	2,550.44

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	81.27	
Printing of Forms ..	109.31	
Telephone	23.89	
Association Expenses, and Dues	34.85	
Office Equipment ..	313.25	
Office Equipment Maintenance	14.00	576.57
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		3,127.01

Treasurer:

Salaries and Wages:

Treasurer	2,050.00	
Clerk	850.00	2,900.00
Stationery and Postage	240.46	
Printing and Adver- tising	44.70	
Telephone	35.63	
Surety Bonds and Insurance	318.25	
Office Equipment ..	147.27	
Office Equipment Maintenance	89.38	
Law Books—Supple- ment	5.50	
Certification of Notes	24.00	905.19
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		3,805.19

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Tax Collector:

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	2,150.00	
Clerk	967.00	
Clerical Assitance	63.23	3,180.23

Other Expenses:

Stationery Supplies and Postage	465.91	
Printing and Adver- tising	233.14	
Telephone	46.45	
Surety Bonds and Insurance	517.72	
Equipment Mainte- nance	32.27	
Traveling Expenses	36.70	
Deputy Collectors' Fees	10.00	
Tax Taking and Re- cording Expense	72.00	1,414.19

 4,594.42

Assessors:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors - 2 Members	890.63	
Clerk of Board	2,150.00	
Clerical Assistance	299.90	3,340.53

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage	176.34	
Printing and Adver-		

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

tising	29.29		
Traveling and Auto Hire	227.55		
Telephone	45.05		
Office Equipment and Furnishings:			
Electric Clock	12.50		
Sheaffer Pen	7.20		
Dater	5.00		
Office Equipment Maintenance	19.70		
Registry of Deeds—Abstracts, etc.	164.81		
Publications	10.60	698.04	
			4,038.57
Law:			
Salary of Town Counsel	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Other Expenses:			
Witness Fees and Travel	110.05		
Stenographic Services	16.15		
Recording	1.40	127.60	
			1,327.60
Town Clerk:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Town Clerk	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Other Expenses:			
Stationery and Postage	184.55		

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Printing and Advertising	112.91	
Telephone	87.63	
Surety Bond	7.50	
Office Equipment:		
Sheaffer Pen	4.90	
Time Stamp	6.10	
Office Equipment Maintenance	30.37	
Association Dues and Travel	15.50	449.46
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		1,949.46
Election and Registration:		
Salaries and Wages:		
3 Registrars	100.00	
Clerk of Board	100.00	200.00
Other Salaries and Wages:		
Relisting of Polls and Women Inhabitants	1,375.40	
Election Officers, Counters and Tellers	1,673.91	
Setting up Booths	19.20	3,068.51
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	243.46	
Poll List Books—(2 M)	408.72	
Printing and Advertising	609.22	
Meals	279.65	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Office and Maintenance	11.66	1,552.71	
			4,821.22
Engineering:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Engineer	2,687.50		
Assistant Engineer	3.40		
Helpers and Assistants	3,220.77	5,911.67	
Office Expenses:			
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	94.84		
Telephone	38.71		
Field Expenses:			
Materials and Supplies	50.47		
Mileage and Travel	343.41		
Equipment:			
Tape Line	13.80		
Equipment Maintenance	7.80	549.03	
			6,460.70
Town Hall:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Janitor	1,735.12	1,735.12	
Other Expenses:			
Janitor's Help	199.16		
Fuel	1,735.46		

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Lights	734.22	
Water	76.52	
Janitor's Supplies	260.29	
Repairs and Alterations	1,474.33	
Telephone	21.50	
Office Floor Linoleum	110.00	
Moving Safe and Piano	89.50	
Miscellaneous	36.25	4,737.23
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		6,472.35
Planning Board:		
Advertising		9.56
Rationing Board:		
Clerical Assistance	11.30	
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	140.00	
Telephone	120.35	
Equipment and Maintenance	100.99	372.64
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		372.64
Retirement Fund Board:		
Salaries:		
Clerical Assistance	625.00	
Expenses	250.00	825.00
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		825.00
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TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		40,763.98

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	3,000.00	
Patrolmen	28,826.17	
Special Police	4,444.98	
Special School Traffic	361.45	
Caretaker of Station	1,392.18	
L a b o r — Painting		
Road Lines, etc.	296.07	38,320.85

Equipment and Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	729.27	
Gas, Oil, etc.	829.75	
Photography a n d		
Fingerprinting	66.05	
Equipment and Sup-		
plies for Men	184.73	
Radio Equipment		
Maintenance	162.99	
Rifle range and sup-		
plies	13.06	1,985.85

Fuel and Light:

Fuel	382.95	
Light	324.11	707.06

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	132.53	
Janitor's Supplies	73.51	
Water Service	21.14	
Rubbish Removal	16.00	243.18

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Officers' and Prisoners'

Expenses:

Officers' Travel	69.39	
Guards and Medical Care	39.30	
Feeding Prisoners	383.84	492.53

Traffic Control:

Labor (See Salaries and Wages)

Signs, Posts, Paint, etc.	310.99	310.99
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New Equipment:

Radio	37.76	
Gasoline Powered Generator	200.00	
Typewriter	68.11	305.87

Other Expenses:

Stationery, postage and Supplies	210.02	
Telephone and Police Signals	1,296.45	
Liability and Fire Insurance on automobile equipment	259.20	
Office Equipment Maintenance	13.00	
Law Books and Manuals	26.50	
Hose Hire	6.00	
N. E. Revolver League and Miscellaneous	11.05	1,822.22

 44,188.55

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	2,580.00	
Deputy Call Chief	350.00	
Permanent Firemen	20,369.90	
Call Men	3,261.21	
Superintendent of Alarms	300.00	
Assistant Clerk of Fire Department	26.00	26,887.11

Equipment, New and Additional:

Hose Nozzles and Gaskets	112.61	
Electric Battery Charger	197.50	
Power Lubricating Gun	15.00	
Equipment for Men	229.12	
Additional Miscellaneous Equipment Items	54.92	609.15

Equipment Maintenance and Repairs:

Radio Equipment Maintenance	14.50	
Apparatus Repairs	403.68	
Gas and Oil	360.57	
Alarm Boxes, etc.	132.33	
Miscellaneous	1.35	912.43

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Hydrant Service—

272 at \$60

Per Hydrant Annually	16,320.00	16,320.00
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Fuel, Light and Water:

Fuel	594.17	
Light	392.78	
Water	39.33	1,026.28

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	1,414.67	
Furniture and Furnishings	399.39	
Shower Equipment	259.00	
Laundry	76.78	
Janitor's Supplies	305.95	2,455.79

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Printing	72.08	
Telephone	159.92	
Travel Expenses	85.07	
First Aid Supplies	28.45	
Publications	2.50	348.02

 48,558.78

Forest Fire:

Salaries and Wages:

Warden	200.00	
Fighting Fires	26.53	226.53

Other Expenses:

Equipment Maintenance	359.59	
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

New Truck — 1942			
Ford 1½ Ton	1,184.87		
Miscellaneous Materials and Supplies	59.25	1,603.71	
			1,830.24
Ambulance:			
Repairs and Maintenance	25.09		
Gas, Oil, etc.	23.11		
Materials, Supplies and Laundry	98.15		
Insurance and Registration	103.80		
Driver's Expenses	1.10	251.25	
			251.25
Sealer of Weights and Measures:			
Salary of Sealer	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Printing and Advertising	2.63		
Stationery and Postage	11.32		
Auto Travel Allowance	298.34		
Dies, Seals and Tools	51.36	363.65	
			1,663.65
Game Warden:			
Salary			100.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Dog Officers:

Feeding, Killing and Burials		300.00
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Street Lighting:

Street Lights	13,074.63	
Traffic Lights, Cen- tral and Hamilton Streets	1,371.42	14,446.05
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		14,446.05

Animal Inspector:

Salary		125.00
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Building Inspector:

Salary of Inspector	300.00	300.00
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Other Expenses:

Use of Car	51.00	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	28.45	79.45
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		379.45

Wiring Inspector:

Salary of Inspector	300.00	300.00
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Other Expenses:

Mileage	36.54	36.54
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		336.54

Planting and Trimming
Trees:

Salaries and Wages: Tree Warden	536.00	
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Labor	85.00	621.00	
Other Expenses:			
Hardware and Tools	23.22		
Spraying Trees	115.00		
Truck Rental	44.00	182.22	
			803.22
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Extermination:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	138.00		
Labor	163.00	301.00	
Other Expenses:			
Truck Rental	99.00	99.00	
			400.00
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			113,382.73

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Board Physician	300.00
School Physician	500.00
Agent	500.00
Nurse	1,720.01
Plumbing Inspector	1,935.00
Food and Provision Inspector	100.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Milk Inspector	125.00	
Slaughtering Inspector	350.00	
Dental (Dental Clinic)	700.00	6,230.01
Other Administration Expenses:		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	78.46	
Printing and Adver- tising	70.08	
Telephone	62.65	
Typist—T. B. Clinics	20.00	
Equipment Mainte- nance	15.00	
Non - Alcoholic Li- cense	10.00	
Legal Services	1.80	
Miscellaneous	1.05	259.04
Quarantine and Con- tagious Diseases:		
Rent	8.00	
Medical Attendance	116.00	
Drugs and Medical Supplies	38.97	
Dry Goods and Clothing	4.00	
Groceries and Pro- visions	67.99	
Cash Aid	156.50	
Hospitals	28.57	
Ambulance Service	10.00	
Laundry	4.76	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

State and County Sanitoriums	1,754.00	2,188.79
Vital Statistics:		
Birth Returns	84.75	
Death Returns	33.50	118.25
Inspection Expenses:		
Travel — Plumbing Inspector	143.45	
Travel — Food and Provisions		
Travel — Milk In- spector	134.30	
Travel — Nurse In- spections	80.31	
Travel — Slaughter- ing Inspector	160.50	518.56
Dental Clinic Supplies:		15.60
Equipment and Maintenance:		
First Aid Kit	17.46	17.46
Milk Laboratory:		
Equipment and Sup- plies		188.86
Garbage Collection:		
Contract	3,025.01	3,025.01
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		12,561.58
Sewer Maintenance Department:		
Administration:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Commissioners	300.00	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Caretaker and Assistants	2,308.60	2,608.60	
Administration Expenses:			
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	18.07		
Typewriter	94.25		
Telephone	31.08		
Taxi Hire	39.35	182.75	
General Expenses:			
Tools and Equipment	459.41		
Pipe and Fittings	181.08		
First Aid Supplies	2.26		
Express Charges	.78	643.53	
Buildings and Grounds:			
Building Repairs, Ma- terials and Supplies	257.40		
Fuel	15.50		
Lights	7.50	280.40	
Truck and Tractor Maintenance:			
Gas and Oil	177.74		
Maintenance and Re- pairs	12.16		
Insurance and Regis- tration	54.00	243.90	
			3,959.18
Total Health and Sanitation			16,520.76

EXPENDITURES (Continued)
HIGHWAYS—SNOW AND ICE

General Administration:

Salary of Superintendent	1,935.00	1,935.00
Stationery, Postage and Advertising	118.87	
Telephone	123.23	
Mileage	3.08	
Photography	8.75	253.93

General Maintenance:

Labor	16,111.48	
Equipment Rental, Grader, Compressor, Shovel, etc.	900.42	
Truck Hire	836.36	
Equipment and Repairs to tools, etc.	430.25	
Crushed Stone, Gravel, etc.	872.30	
Tarvis, Road Oil, etc.	3,011.05	
Other Road Materials and Supplies	2,374.89	
Rails Repaired	3.37	
First Aid Supplies	117.59	
Equipment for Men	103.00	
Street Sign Lettering	3.00	
Drilling and Blasting	12.25	
Rental of Right-of-Way	1.00	24,776.96
Automotive and Road Machinery:		
Repairs and Maintenance	4,222.30	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Gas, Oil, etc.	2,335.25	
Registrations	19.25	
Liability Insurance	485.11	
Fire and Theft Insurance	38.83	7,100.74
New Road Machinery:		
Nelson Snow Loader	3,652.75	
1942 Chevrolet Coupe	901.00	4,553.75
Buildings and Grounds:		
Maintenance and Repairs	125.53	
Fuel, Light and Water	370.73	
Men's Lockers	81.50	
Office Heater and Stove Pipe	20.00	597.76
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		39,218.14
Town Dump and Rubbish:		
Labor	886.08	
Rental of Town Dump Rubbish Collection	125.00	1,011.08
Contract	1,975.00	1,975.00
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		2,986.08
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Labor	3,103.73	
Trucks (non-insured)	36.00	
Trucks (insured)	138.00	
Rock Salt, Sand and Gravel	208.32	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Country Roads	26.25	
Food and Meals	45.40	3,557.70
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		3,557.70
Chapter 90 Maintenance — State and County Aid No. 8527:		
New North Woodstock Road:		
Labor	542.60	
Truck Hire	76.80	619.40
Old North Woodstock Road:		
Labor	276.00	
Truck Hire	32.40	308.40
Sandersdale Road (East Main Street and Dudley Road):		
Labor	222.90	
Truck Hire	29.40	252.30
River Road:		
Labor	187.30	
Truck Hire	24.00	211.30
Hamilton Street:		
Labor	21.40	
Truck Hire	3.60	25.00
Worcester Street:		
Labor	406.60	
Materials and Supplies	211.16	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Truck Hire	68.40	686.16	
Dresser Hill Road:			
Labor	280.65		
Materials and Sup- plies	683.02		
Equipment and Truck Hire	883.28	1,846.95	
Mechanic Street:			
Labor	21.40		
Truck Hire	3.60	25.00	
			3,974.51
Total Highways			49,736.43

CHARITIES, SOLDIERS' BENEFITS AND SOCIAL
WELFARE (W. P. A.)

Public Welfare:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00		
Supervisor	860.00		
Clerks	860.00		
Child Welfare Super- visor	840.00	3,010.00	

General Administration:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	61.79		
Telephones	157.33		
Mileage and Travel Allowance	336.55		

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Electric Clock	15.75	
Typewriter Maintenance	15.50	
Luncheons	3.15	589.07
Outside Relief:		
Groceries and Provisions	7,005.00	
Fuel	1,144.33	
Medicine and Medical Care	3,796.80	
Hospital Care	2,232.48	
Rent	1,688.12	
Clothing	515.96	
Cash Grants	2,674.90	
Board and Care (local)	3,557.00	
Board and Care (county and state institutions)	860.26	
Board and Care (private institutions)	303.38	
Household Furniture and Moving	172.92	
Surplus Commodities Supplies	98.49	
Electric Power at Infirmary	60.00	24,109.64
Relief by Other Cities and Towns:		
Cities	502.24	
Towns	617.02	1,119.26
Truck Expenses:		
Gas, Oil, etc.	132.54	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Repairs and Maintenance	129.91	
Insurance and Registration	41.62	304.07
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		29,132.04
Aid to Dependent Children—		
Town Appropriation:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Supervisor	430.00	
Clerks	215.00	645.00
Administration:		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	None	None
Relief Expenses:		
Cash Grants	9,325.62	9,325.62
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		9,970.62
Aid to Dependent Children—		
Federal Grants:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Clerical Assistance	None	None
Administration:		
Travel Expenses	57.88	
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	107.82	165.70
Relief Expenses:		
Cash Grants	1,804.80	1,804.80
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		1,970.50

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Old Age Assistance—

Town Appropriation:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00	
Supervisor	860.00	
Clerks	430.00	1,740.00

Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	59.32	59.32
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Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	39,566.60	
Cities and Towns	458.58	40,025.18

 41,824.50

Old Age Assistance—

Federal Grants:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	300.00	
Clerks	567.01	867.01

Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	75.00	
Travel Allowance	45.86	120.86

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	30,761.15	
Cities and Towns	837.07	31,598.22

 32,586.09
Infirmary:

Salary of Superin- tendent	1,800.00	1,800.00
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	2,035.42	
Clothing and Household Furnishings	378.05	
Building Maintenance and Repairs	1,130.77	
Fuel, Lights and Water	797.36	
Gas and Oil	13.22	
Burials	100.00	
Hospital and Medical Care	337.42	
Telephone	39.56	
Periodicals and Stationery	17.77	4,849.57

 6,649.57

Soldiers' Benefits:

General Administration:

Salary of Agent	60.00	
Travel and Mileage	95.33	155.33

Relief Benefits:

State Aid — Cash Grants	760.00	
Military Aid — Cash Grants	1,030.00	
War Allowance—2nd World War	20.00	
Burials	98.00	
Fuel and Light	708.79	
Groceries and Provisions	1,272.50	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Cash Grants and Rent	3,954.26	
Medical and Hospital Care	754.62	
Clothing, etc.	234.07	8,832.24
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		8,987.57
Social Welfare—W. P. A.:		
General Administration:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Coordinator	1,353.35	
Clerical Assistance	565.70	1,919.05
General Expenses:		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	1.22	
Mileage and Travel	456.03	
Surplus Commodities	310.69	
Truck Maintenance	458.37	
Gas, Oil, etc.	536.62	
Insurance and Regis- tration	48.87	
Garage Rent	220.35	2,032.15
Projects:		
Foster Street Drain:		
Materials and Sup- plies	669.65	
Labor	241.09	
Drilling, Blasting and Equipment Hire	488.17	1,398.91
Morris Street Drain:		
Materials and Sup- plies	1,046.71	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Labor	166.31	
Truck Hire	657.61	1,870.63
Webster Road:		
Labor	62.70	62.70
Oliver Street Sidewalk:		
Materials and Sup-		
plies	219.89	
Labor	64.70	284.59
Charlton Street Sidewalk:		
Materials and Sup-		
plies	137.84	
Labor	18.70	156.54
Randolph Street Sidewalk:		
Materials and Sup-		
plies	512.90	
Labor	106.50	
Truck Hire	11.00	630.40
Airport:		
Architectural Services	400.00	400.00
Bellevue Avenue Sidewalk:		
Materials and Sup-		
plies	332.10	
Labor	13.20	345.30
Westwood Parkway Sidewalk:		
Materials and Sup-		
plies	34.75	
Labor	147.60	182.35

 9,282.62

TOTAL CHARITIES, SOLDIERS' BENEFITS
AND SOCIAL WELFARE (W. P. A.)

 140,403.51

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools:

General Control Salaries:

Superintendent	4,567.28	
Clerks	1,490.12	
Attendance Officer	373.96	
School Census	109.32	6,540.68

General Control Expenses:

Printing Stationery and Postage	484.24	
Telephone	153.40	
Traveling Expenses	326.23	
Typewriter	72.06	
Equipment Maintenance	9.60	
Books, Periodicals, etc.	148.83	
Insurance on Camera Equipment	64.68	
Salary Payment Schedule	35.00	
Floral Piece	5.00	
Miscellaneous	5.15	1,304.19

Instruction Salaries:

High School Principal	3,615.42	
High School Teachers	33,447.92	
Elementary School Teachers	63,430.45	
Evening School Teachers	565.00	
Household Arts Teachers	3,154.32	
Continuation School Teachers	381.18	104,594.29

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Auxiliary Agencies Salaries:

School Physician	1,268.02	
School Nurse	1,548.74	
Clerks in Principal's Office	1,045.18	3,861.94

Operation of Plant Salaries:

High School Janitors	3,898.05	
Elementary School Janitors	6,371.21	
Evening School Janitors	234.00	
Helpers, etc.	331.42	10,834.68

Instruction Expenses:

High School:

Text and Reference Books	1,214.42	
Supplies	2,261.11	
Typewriters, Ma- chines, Etc.	1,061.00	4,536.53

Elementary Schools:

Text and Reference Books	1,173.29	
Supplies	3,119.48	4,292.77
Household Arts Sup- plies	417.99	417.99
Continuation Classes Supplies	19.58	19.58
Evening Classes Sup- plies	2.00	2.00

Auxiliary Agency Expenses:

Transportation of Pupils	8,496.29	
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Transportation of Nurse	195.00	
Transportation of Teachers	418.17	
Telephone—Nurse ..	36.20	
Tuition at Other Schools	39.60	
First Aid Supplies ..	134.17	9,319.43
New Furnishings and Mechanical Instruction Equipment:		
High School	466.70	
Elementary Schools ..	1,778.77	2,245.47
Operation of Plant Expenses:		
Fuel, Light and Water:		
High School	5,426.11	
Elementary Schools ..	6,536.90	11,963.01
Telephones:		
High School	92.39	
Elementary Schools ..	227.23	319.62
Janitor's Supplies:		
High School	606.20	
Elementary Schools ..	806.78	
Evening School .....	.90	1,413.88
Maintenance of Plant Expenses:		
Buildings and Grounds:		
High School Repairs	870.95	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Miscellaneous	3.75	
Elementary Schools		
Repairs	1,725.32	
Miscellaneous	31.63	2,631.65
Other Expenses:		
Graduation Expenses: Diplomas, etc.	111.79	
Miscellaneous Printing and Postage	67.99	
New Automobile — 1942 Chevrolet Sedan	928.00	1,107.78
Robert H. Cole Trade School:		
General Control and Instruction Salaries:		
Director	4,058.75	
Clerks	2,018.00	
Instructors	25,479.39	31,556.14
General Control Expenses:		
Telephones, Postage and Stationery	162.89	
Traveling Expenses	108.03	270.92
Instruction Expenses:		
Text Books, Supplies and Shop Materials	3,444.29	
Shop Equipment	1,403.95	4,848.24
Operation of Plant Salaries:		
Janitors, Helpers, etc.	1,718.90	1,718.90

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Operation of Plant Expenses:

Fuel, Light and Water	2,172.86	
Furniture and Furnishings	48.33	2,221.19

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	417.51	
Janitor's Supplies	431.90	
Miscellaneous Materials and Cartage of Equipment	25.11	
Alterations of Mechanic Street School	2,411.78	3,286.30

Evening Classes:

Teachers' Salaries	1,142.80	
Janitor's Salaries	1,245.09	
Materials and Supplies	69.93	2,457.82

Other Expenses:

Graduation Expenses	102.35	102.35
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Total Expenditures from Town Appropriations 211,867.35

Smith-Hughes School Fund:

Teachers' Salaries:

Continuation Classes	50.53	
Household Art Classes	174.92	
Vocational Classes	4,380.56	
Vocational Evening Classes	71.32	4,677.33

4,677.33

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

George Deen School Fund:

Teachers' Salaries:

Vocational Classes	5,751.17	5,751.17
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5,751.17

Vocational Education of National
Defense Workers—Federal Funds:

Supervision—Salaries and Expenses:

Salaries

Director	1,200.00	
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Clerk	953.20	
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Travel and Com- munication	6,759.99	
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Office Supplies, Postage, etc.	93.22	
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Printing	5.00	9,011.41
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Instruction — Salaries
and Expenses:

Teachers and Assist- ants	18,168.72	
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Materials and Sup- plies	2,077.01	
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Maintenance and Equipment	2,339.88	22,585.61
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Building Operation		2,208.56
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33,805.58

Total School Expenditures		256,101.43
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Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:

Librarian	2,100.00	
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Assistants	2,903.30	
Janitor	1,429.92	6,433.22
Books and Periodicals:		
Books	2,122.51	
Periodicals	62.25	2,184.76
Binding:		
Books and Periodicals	499.17	499.17
Fuel	204.40	204.40
Building:		
Repairs and Supplies	20.28	
Furniture and Furnishings	13.23	
Other Expenses	79.34	112.85
Other Expenses:		
Office Supplies	283.86	
Telephone	3.67	287.53
Total Library Expenditures from Town Appropriations		9,721.93
Mynott Library Fund		13.67
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Total Appropriations and Funds in Control of the Town:		9,735.60
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(Library Expenditures from Trust Funds in Control of Trustees—\$3,811.64)		
Total Library Expenditures from all Sources		
\$13,547.24		
Total Schools and Libraries		265,837.03

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:

Parks:

Maintenance of Legion Plots and Dresser St. Playground	329.50	
Loam	18.50	
Parking Signs	16.50	
Water Service	6.00	370.50

Play Grounds:

Instructors' Salaries	1,653.60	
Travel Allowances	6.03	
Equipment, Repairs and Maintenance	748.73	
All Other	4.50	2,412.86

World War Memorial:

Removal of Trees and Stumps	65.50	
Plants, Trees, Fertilizer and Supplies	95.72	
Water and Lights	15.08	
Flags	22.90	199.20

 2,982.56

Unclassified:

Damage to Persons and Property	395.00	395.00
Memorial and Armistice Day Celebration	150.00	450.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Printing Town and Finance Committee Reports (2500 each)		
Town Reports	795.00	
Finance Committee Reports	345.00	1,140.00
Pensions (Non-Contributory) Policy (Chapter 32)	889.20	
School Janitors (Vet's Act)	1,249.92	2,139.12
Insurance		
Fire — Buildings and Contents	5,424.50	
War Damage	1,921.14	
Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability	2,905.67	
Boiler Explosion Liability	440.67	10,691.98
Town Clock	45.76	45.76
Water and Ice	336.35	336.35
1941 Outstanding Bills:		
Town Accountant	6.50	
Town Hall	463.24	
Dog Officer's Account	32.00	
Wiring Inspector	1.04	
Board of Health	8.00	
Soldiers' Relief	204.51	715.29
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		15,913.50
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Total Recreation and Unclassified		18,896.06

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

CEMETERY

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	500.00	
Labor	2,839.47	
Opening Graves	99.00	3,438.47

Other Expenses

Loam, Fertilizer, etc.	390.31	
Filling Flower Beds and Urns	52.00	
Markers (200)	50.00	
Equipment, Maintenance and Tools	337.66	
Team Hire	150.00	
Gas and Oil	22.95	
Record Books, Forms, etc.	70.73	
Cutting Frost, Snow Removal and Blast- ing	19.50	
Accrued interest on Shares	10.30	
Water Service	14.12	
Cloth Signs	7.35	
Miscellaneous	14.26	1,139.18

Total Cemeteries	4,577.65	4,577.65
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SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTS

WPA—See Charities and Social Welfare

Chapter 90 Maintenance: See Highways

Eastford Rd., Elm and Everett Sts.,

Drainage Systems:

Labor	2,093.00
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Truck Hire	402.25	
Materials and Sup- plies	278.59	
Reinforced Concrete Pipe	2,355.06	
Drilling, Blasting, and Equipment Hire	454.44	5,583.34
Wardwell Ct. Drain: (From easterly end of Wardwell Ct.) (Art. 17, '42)		
Labor	385.83	
Truck Hire	52.50	
Materials and Sup- plies	295.88	734.21
Marjorie Lane and Westwood Parkway Sewer:		
Purchase of Sewer	135.00	135.00
Breakneck Road Widening (South St. to Dennison Crossroads)		
Advertising	6.57	
Contract	4,940.49	4,947.06
Worcester St. Sewer (From Charlton St., to Elm Rd., Homestead Ave. Center, Worcester and Vinton Sts.)		
Telephone	1.45	
Pipe	988.00	
Materials and Sup- plies	642.48	
Contract	5,006.50	6,638.43
Marcy St. Drain:		
Labor	326.18	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Truck Hire	36.00	
Materials and Supplies	2.67	364.85
Randolph St. Sewer:		
Purchase of Sewer	250.00	250.00
Pleasant St. Sewer:		
Labor	625.68	
Equipment and Truck Hire	133.26	
Materials and Supplies	102.83	
Pipe and Curb inlets	328.84	1,190.61
Poor Farm Hill Road:		
1941 Contract Balance	29.98	
1942 Contract	4,830.63	
Advertising	3.56	
Re-inforced Concrete Pipe and Tarvia	626.82	
Curbing	24.75	5,515.74
Dresser Hill Road		
(Contract No. 8211—Chapter 90)		
Salaries and Wages:		
Superintendent	150.00	
Foreman	301.50	
Assistant Foremen, Equipment, Operators	513.35	
Labor	180.50	2,145.35

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Expenses:

Guard Posts, Stock Fence, Rock, etc.	2,088.93	
Bounds, Grates, Cul- verts, and Re-inforc- ed Concrete Pipes	418.05	
Equipment Rental	3,475.50	
Equipment Removal	127.50	
Materials and Sup- plies	406.60	6,516.58

8,661.93

Ashland Avenue Grading:

Labor	448.00	
Truck Hire	79.50	527.50

Nuisance Brook:

Labor	132.00	
Truck Hire	28.50	
Materials and Sup- plies	1.05	161.55

Cady Brook Retaining Wall—

East Side of Brook:

Labor	268.45		
Truck Hire	179.05		
Equipment Hire	66.00		
Materials and Sup- plies	120.78	634.28	634.28

Coombs Street Sidewalk (1941 Project)

Relaying Drain Pipe	43.90	43.90
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Swimming Pool and Park Sight:

Land	10,000.00
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Engineering, Legal and Advertising	841.35		
Contract	9,991.95		
Wire Fencing, Posts, and Gates	3,201.00		
Raising Elevation of Gravel Walks	188.00		
Labor	72.00		
Truck Hire	10.00	24,304.30	
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Total Special Construction Accounts			59,692.70
(Exclusive of WPA—\$9,282.62)			59,692.70
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NATIONAL DEFENSE—PUBLIC SAFETY

National Defense Committee:

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Secretary	432.80		
Administration			
Stationery and Postage	40.31		
Equipment and Maintenance	50.17		
• Telephone	344.94		
Materials and Sup- plies	1.13	869.35	869.35

Auxiliary Fire Service:

Equipment:

Kerotest — Portable Cutting Outfit	225.00
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

3 Trailer Pumps (600 Gal. Cap.)	4,615.80		
6000 Ft. Hose and Pipes	4,900.00		
Tires and Tubes	102.00		
Flashlight, Tools, Pails, and Other Equipment	219.02	10,061.82	
Materials and Sup- plies		40.93	
Equipment for Men:			
Men's Hip Boots (60 Pairs)	284.30		
Firemen's Coats and Helmets	783.30		
Gas Masks (30)	1,035.54	2,103.14	
Medical Care		2.00	12,207.89
Auxiliary Police Service:			
Equipment—'42 Ford Tudor Sedan	1,070.50		
Mobile Radio Unit	400.00		
Flasher Siren and Hood Bracket	36.74		
Seat Cover for Ford	12.95	1,520.19	
Insurance:			
Liability—'42 Ford	118.96		
Fire and Theft — '42 Ford	7.00	125.96	
Equipment for Men:			
38 Caliber Smith-Wes- son Pistols (30)	828.00		

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Sam Brown Belts, Gun Holsters and Car- tridges Carriers	199.95		
Mask (gas) (8)	254.00		
Flashlights and Bat- teries	37.02		
Police Whistles	9.00		
Police Badges	59.28	1,387.25	
Other Expenses:			
Cartridge (74,000)	287.02		
Targets	8.06		
Advertising and Ex- press Charges	16.59	311.67	3,345.87
Training Expenses:			
Lectures	25.00		
Mileage and/or Travel	7.00		
Janitor's Service	32.00		
Identification Cards	255.78		
Materials and Sup- plies—Includes Vari- ous Armbands, post- age, etc.	776.16		
Filing Cabinet and Boxes	16.84		
Radio	22.24		
Electrical Repairs	8.36	1,143.38	1,143.38
First Aid Supplies:			
30 Folding Cots	124.95		
Express on Cots	.53	125.48	
Uniforms and Supplies:			
Taking Measurements		43.00	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Women's Uniforms or Outfits:

Enamel Cups and Spoons	16.19	
Food for Nutrition Course	5.20	21.39

Radio Communications:

Mobile Unit — Police Chief's Car	400.00	
Mobile Unit — Fire Truck	400.00	800.00

Total National Defense		18,556.36
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INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Rev- enue	609.54	
Anticipation of Chap- ter 90 Re-imburse- ment	8.22	617.76

General Loans:

Schools Bonds	3,390.00	
1938 Storm Damage	200.00	
County T. B. Hos- pital District	1,792.04	5,382.04

5,999.80

Maturing Debt:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Reve- nue	350,000.00
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Anticipation of Chapter 90 Re-imbursement	8,000.00	358,000.00	
General Loans:			
School Bonds	20,500.00		
1938 Storm Damage	10,000.00		
County T. B. Hospital District	5,300.00	35,800.00	
			393,800.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt			399,799.80

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

State Tax	37,950.00		
State Auditing Tax	511.48		
State Parks and Reservations	582.44	39,043.92	
County Tax	22,913.46		
County T. B. Hospital Maintenance	8,806.52		
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County	1,803.20	33,523.18	

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,180.00	1,180.00	
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment			73,747.10
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

1941 Poll Taxes	22.00	
1940 Real Estate Taxes	11.92	
1942 Real Estate Taxes	50.70	
1941 Motor Vehicle Excise	109.60	
1942 Motor Vehicle Excise	265.55	459.77
Abatement of 1941 Sewer Assessments	17.02	17.02
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		476.79

Transfers:

Retirement System (See General Gov- ernment)		
Pension Accumulation Fund and Interest Deficiency	8,129.56	8,129.56
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Total Refunds and Transfers		8,606.35

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	11.93	
Mary Mynott (Library)	13.67	25.60

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Included in Library Expenditures	13.67	
Net Total		11.93
Total Payments for 1942		1,210,532.39
Cash on hand December 31, 1942		300,240.32
		1,510,772.71

OUTSTANDING BILLS—DECEMBER 31, 1942

Selectmen	16.65	
Town Clerk	6.50	
Election and Registration	7.65	
Engineering	7.00	
Street Lights	31.32	
Building Inspector	3.70	
Health Department	6.20	
Sewer Department	107.63	
Soldiers' Relief	28.20	
School Department	14.77	
Cemetery Department	3.60	
Water and Ice	8.23	
World War Memorial	.95	
Town Clock	4.16	
		246.56

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

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FIXED DEBT RECORD

(Including County T. B. Hospital District Loan of 1933)

Due In	County T. B. Hospital Dist. 1933—79,800	P. W. A. School 1936—152,490	P. W. A. School 1938—80,000	Storm Damage 1939—40,000	Amount Due Annually
1943	5,300.00	9,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00	28,300.00
1944	5,300.00	9,000.00	4,000.00		18,300.00
1945	5,300.00	9,000.00	4,000.00		18,300.00
1946	5,300.00	9,000.00	4,000.00		18,300.00
1947	5,300.00	8,000.00	4,000.00		17,300.00
1948	5,300.00	6,000.00	4,000.00		15,300.00
1949		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1950		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1951		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1952		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1953		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1954		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00

FIXED DEBT RECORD (Continued)

1955	6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1956	6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1957		4,000.00	4,000.00
1958		4,000.00	4,000.00
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	31,800.00	98,000.00	10,000.00
		64,000.00	203,800.00

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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1942

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and Office:

300,240.32

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1941

1,111.40

Levy of 1942

51,965.86

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1942

168.40

Special Assessments:

Sewer Added to Taxes:

1941

88.02

1942

736.42

Unapportioned Side-walk 1942

30.29

LIABILITY AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of Revenue 1942

100,000.00

In Anticipation of Highway Reimbursements

53,077.26

3,000.00

103,000.00

Trust Fund Income:

Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund

31.27

Ella M. Cole Fund—Needy School Children

59.52

Alexis Boyer, Jr., School Fund

11.29

Mary Mynott Library Fund

43.56

145.64

Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1942	52.38	George-Deen Fund — Vocational Education	414.03
Committed Interest:		Vocational Education—Special Grant for Defense	4,427.87
Sewer Added to Taxes:		Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund	1,998.00
1941	7.76	Road Machinery Rental Fund	508.70
1942	80.80	Tailings	50.46
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1942	12.08	Federal Grants:	
Tax Titles	3,178.70	Aid to Dependent Children—Administration	603.64
Tax Title Possessions	1,028.53	Aid to Dependent Children—Aid	2,413.06
Departmental:		Old Age Assistance Administration	478.96
Selectmen — Cole Lot		Old Age Assistance—Assistance	2,458.92
Timber	523.28	Appropriation Balances:	5,954.58
Town Hall	215.00	Rationing Board Expenses	202.36
Police	50.00		
Health	964.54		
Ambulance	455.00		
Highways	70.15		
Temporary Aid	3,129.04		
Old Age Assistance	408.86		

Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, Transfers and Balances

1942

Department	Appropriations	Previous Balance, Refunds, Transfers Added to Appropriation	Total Receipts or Cr.	Expenditures	Transfers to other Accounts	Total Expenditures or Dr.	Balance Forwarded to 1943	Over-drawn Accounts
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:								
Moderator	60.00		60.00	60.00		60.00		
Selectmen								
Salaries	2,050.00							
By W. P. A. Account		62.00	2,112.00	2,112.00		2,112.00		
All Other	700.00							
By Soldiers' Relief Account		300.00	1,000.00	738.26		738.26	261.74	
Accountant								
Salaries	2,450.00							
Mearant St. Drain Account		183.34	2,633.34	2,550.44		2,550.44	82.90	
All Other	500.00							
Refundr		5.00						
Annual Report'r Account		50.00	555.00	552.16		552.16	2.84	
Inventory								
Recordr—By 1941 Balance		25.00	25.00	24.41		24.41	.59	
Treasurer								
Salaries	2,900.00		2,900.00	2,900.00		2,900.00		
All Other	925.00		925.00	905.19		905.19	19.81	
Tax Collector								
Salaries	3,117.00							
By Wardwell Ct. Drain		64.04	3,181.04	3,180.23		3,180.23	.81	
All Other	1,414.49		1,414.49	1,414.19		1,414.19	.30	
Assessor								
Salaries	3,350.00		3,350.00	3,340.53		3,340.53	9.47	
All Other	700.00		700.00	698.04		698.04	1.96	
All Other—1941 Acct.	12.79		12.79	12.79		12.79		
Town Clerk								
Salaries	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00		
All Other	436.00							
By Military Aid		25.00	461.00	449.46		449.46	11.54	
Election & Registration								
Salaries	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00		
All Other	4,488.80							
By State Aid		150.00	4,638.80	4,621.22		4,621.22	17.58	
Law								
Salaries	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00		
All Other	140.00		140.00	127.60		127.60	12.40	
Engineering								
Salaries	5,912.50		5,912.50	5,911.67		5,911.67	.83	
All Other	500.00							
By Cady Brook R. Wall		115.72	615.72	549.03		549.03	66.69	
Town Hall								
Salaries	1,679.46							
By Town Hall Expense		52.00	1,731.46	1,735.12		1,735.12		3.66
All Other	3,700.00							
By Refund		85.00						
By W. P. A.		1,000.00	4,785.00	4,737.23	52.00	4,789.23		4.23
To Town Hall Salaries								
Planning Board	300.00		300.00	9.56		9.56	290.44	
Retirement Board								
Salaries	625.00		625.00	625.00		625.00		
All Other	250.00		250.00	250.00		250.00		
Rationing Board	150.00							
By Soldiers Relief		350.00						
By State Aid		75.00	575.00	372.64		372.64	202.36	
TOTALS—General Government	39,261.04	2,542.10	41,803.14	40,776.77	52.00	40,828.77	779.90	7.89
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTIES								
Police								
Salaries	38,749.00		38,749.00	38,320.85		38,320.85	428.15	
All Other	5,972.00		5,972.00	5,867.70		5,867.70	104.30	
Fire								
Salaries	26,936.00		26,936.00	26,887.11		26,887.11	48.89	
All Other	5,119.29							
By Hydrants		250.00	5,369.29	5,351.67		5,351.67	8.62	
Hydrant	18,330.00		18,330.00	16,320.00	250.00	16,570.00	1,760.00	
To Fire Expense								
Forest Fire								
Salaries	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00		
All Other	1,900.00							
By Refund		.75	1,900.75	1,630.24		1,630.24	270.51	
Senler, Weights and Measures								
Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00		
All Other	400.00		400.00	363.65		363.65	36.35	
Tree Warden	750.00							
By Military Aid		54.00	804.00	803.22		803.22	.78	
Moth Extermination	400.00		400.00	400.00		400.00		
Ambulance	250.00							
By Refund		8.79	258.79	251.25		251.25	7.54	
Dog Officer	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00		
Animal Inspector								
Salaries	125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00		
Game Warden	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00		
Building Inspector								
Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00		
All Other	100.00		100.00	79.45		79.45	20.55	
Wiring Inspector	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00		
Salaries	100.00		100.00	36.54		36.54	63.46	
All Other	100.00		100.00	36.54		36.54	63.46	
Street Lighting	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,446.05		14,446.05	553.95	
TOTALS—Protection of Personr and Property	116,622.29	313.54	116,935.83	113,382.73	250.00	113,632.73	3,303.10	
HEALTH AND SANITATION								
Health								
Salaries	6,220.00							
By Health Expense		10.00	6,230.00	6,230.01		6,230.01		.01
All Other	9,660.00		9,660.00	6,331.57	10.00	6341.57	3,314.68	3.75
To Health Salaries								
Sewer								
Salaries	2,648.00							
By Sewer Expense		28.00	2,676.00	2,636.60		2,636.60	39.40	
All Other	1,349.50		1,349.50	1,322.58	28.00	1,350.58		1.03
To Sewer Salaries								
TOTALS—Health and Sanitation	19,877.50	38.00	19,915.50	16,520.76	38.00	16,558.76	3,354.08	1.09
HIGHWAYS:								
Highways—Salaries	1,935.00		1,935.00	1,935.00		1,935.00		
All Other	30,108.80		30,108.80	25,628.65				
To Rubbish Collection Acct.					275.00			
To Road Machinery Maintenance					1,353.75			
To Road Machinery Maintenance					1,100.00			
To Chapter 90 Maintenance					600.00	28,957.40	1,151.40	
Road Machinery Maintenance	3,854.34							
By Road Machinery Rental		645.66						
By Refund		.75						
By Highway		1,353.75						
By Highway		1,100.00						
By Road Machinery New Equipment		146.25	7,100.75	7,100.74		7,100.74	.01	
Road Machinery New Equipment	4,700.00		4,700.00	4,553.75				
To Road Machinery Maintenance					146.25	4,700.00		
Chapter 90 Maintenance 1942 Acct.	700.00							
By Highway		600.00						
By Drexer Hill Road		49.31						
By Road Machinery Fund		25.20	1,374.51	1,074.51		1,074.51		2,600.00
Town Dump	1,058.00		1,058.00	1,011.08		1,011.08	46.92	
Rubbish Collection	1,700.00							
By Highway		275.00	1,975.00	1,975.00		1,975.00		
Snow and Ice	5,000.00		5,000.00	3,557.70		3,557.70	1,442.30	
TOTALS—Highways	49,056.14	4,195.92	53,252.06	49,736.43	3,475.00	53,211.43	2,640.63	2,600.00
CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:								
Public Welfare								
Salaries—1941 Account	1.13		1.13	1.13		1.13		
Salaries—1942 Account	3,010.00		3,010.00	3,010.00		3,010.00		
All Other	32,170.00							
By Refund		38.50						
By Infirmary		10.29	32,218.79	26,132.33		26,132.33	6,086.46	
Aid to Dependent Children								
Salaries	645.00		645.00	645.00		645.00		
All Other	10,000.00							
By Refund		19.38	10,019.38	9,325.62		9,325.62	693.76	
Old Age Assistance								
Salaries	1,740.00		1,740.00	1,740.00		1,740.00		
All Other	40,000.00							
By Refund		84.50	40,084.50	40,084.50		40,084.50		
FEDERAL GRANTS								
Aid to Dependent Children								
Administration								
By 1941 Balance		290.02						
By A. D. C. Expense		179.51						
By O. O. A. Expense		2.80						
By Grants		299.81	772.14	168.50		168.50	603.64	
All Other								
By 1941 Balance		672.86						
By Refund		12.00						
By Grants		3,512.51	4,397.37	1,804.80	179.51	1,984.31	2,413.06	
FEDERAL GRANTS—To A. D. C. Administration								
Old Age Assistance								
Administration by 1941 Balance		355.34						
By Grants		1,103.04	1,458.38	965.07	2.80	987.87	470.51	
To A. D. C. Administration								
All Other								
By 1941 Balance		775.18						
By Refund		197.55						
By Grants		33,092.86	34,065.59	31,598.22		31,598.22	2,467.37	
Infirmary								
Salaries	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,800.00		1,800.00		
All Other	4,900.00							
By Refund		32.80	4,932.80	4,849.57		4,849.57	83.23	
Infirmary—1941 Account	2.15		2.15	2.15		2.15		
Military Aid	1,440.00		1,440.00	1,030.00				
To Tree Warden					54.00			
To Town Clerk					25.00	1,109.00	331.00	
State Aid	1,080.00							
By Refund		10.00	1,090.00	760.00				
To Election and Registration					150.00			
To Rationing Board					75.00			
To War Allowance					105.00	1,090.00		
War Allowance—2nd World War								
By State Aid		105.00	105.00	20.00		20.00	85.00	
Soldier Relief								
Salaries								
By W. P. A.		60.00	60.00	60.00		60.00		
All Others	8,500.00		8,500.00	7,019.57	300.00			
To Selection Expense					350.00	7,669.57	830.43	
To Rationing Board								
Soldiers' Relief—1941 Account	9.54		9.54	9.54		9.54		
Soldiers' Burials	400.00		400.00	98.00		98.00	302.00	
TOTALS—Charities and Soldiers' Benefits	105,697.82	41,053.95	146,751.77	131,144.00	1,241.31	132,385.31	6,411.88	5,954.58

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY									
Schools:									
Salaries	169,387.00		169,387.00	161,494.52	161,494.52	7,892.48			
All Other	46,875.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		3,500.00	50,375.00	50,372.83	50,372.83	2.17			
George Deen Fund									
By 1942 Balance		1,273.85							
By Grants		4,891.35	6,165.20	5,751.17	5,751.17			414.03	
Smith-Hughes Fund									
By Grants		4,677.33	4,677.33	4,677.33	4,677.33				
Vocational Education of National Defense Workers									
By 1942 Balance		2,182.27							
By Grants		35,741.50							
By Sale of Goods		67.00							
By Excess and Deficiency		240.68	38,233.45	33,805.58	33,805.58			4,427.87	
Library: Salaries and All Others	9,835.00		9,835.00	9,721.93	9,721.93	113.07			
1941 Account	1.47		1.47	1.47	1.47				
Mynott Fund:									
By 1941 Balance		32.23							
By Income		25.00	57.23	13.67	13.67			43.56	
Edwards Bequest and Other Trustee Funds									
By 1942 Balance		1,817.48							
By Income (Trustees' Report)		1,994.16	3,811.64	3,811.64	3,811.64				
TOTALS—Schools and Library	226,098.47	56,444.85	282,543.32	269,650.14	269,650.14	8,007.72		4,885.46	
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:									
Damage to Persons and Property	200.00		200.00	395.00	395.00				195.00
Pensions (Non-Contributory)	2,140.00		2,140.00	2,139.12	2,139.12	.88			
Pension Accumulation Fund	8,129.56		8,129.56						
To Retirement System					8,129.56	8,129.56			
Annual Town Reports	1,225.00		1,225.00	1,140.00					
To Accountant Expense					50.00	1,190.00	35.00		
Insurance	9,000.00								
By W. P. A.		1,700.00	10,700.00	10,691.98	10,691.98	8.02			
Armistice Day	150.00		150.00	150.00	150.00				
Memorial Day	300.00		300.00	300.00	300.00				
Parks	375.00		375.00	370.50	370.50		4.50		
World War Memorial	415.00		415.00	199.20	199.20		215.80		
Playgrounds	2,420.00		2,420.00	2,412.86	2,412.86		7.14		
Town Clock	75.00		75.00	45.76	45.76		29.24		
Water and Ice	325.00		325.00	336.35	336.35				11.35
Outstanding Bills of Previous Years	736.34								
By Refund		6.00	742.34	715.29	715.29	27.05			
TOTALS—Recreation and Unclassified	25,490.90	1,706.00	27,196.90	18,896.06	8,179.56	27,075.62	327.63		206.35
ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES:									
Cemetery	2,650.00								
By Dividend Income		1,941.67	4,591.67	4,577.65	4,577.65	14.02			
TOTALS—Enterprises and Cemeteries	2,650.00	1,941.67	4,591.67	4,577.65	4,577.65	14.02			
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS (Non-recurrent)									
Works Progress Administration (W. P. A.)	8,000.00								
By 1941 Balance		5,949.92	13,949.92	9,282.62					
To Insurance					1,700.00				
To Town Hall					1,000.00				
To Soldiers' Relief—Salary					60.00				
To Selectmen—Salary					62.00	12,104.62	1,845.30		
Ashland Avenue Grading									
By Eastford Road Drainage System		700.00	700.00	527.50		527.50	172.50		
Breakneck Road Widening	6,925.00		6,925.00	4,947.06		4,947.06		1,977.94	
Poor Farm Hill Road	9,100.00								
By 1941 Balance		91.92	9,191.92	5,515.74		5,515.74		3,676.18	
Dresser Hill Road (Chapter 90)	3,000.00								
By 1941 Balance		3,084.87							
By Highway Aid Revenue		7,179.79	13,264.66	8,661.93					
To Highway Aid Revenue					3,194.93				
To Chapter 90—Maintenance					49.31	11,906.17		1,358.49	
Brickyard Road Construction									
By 1941 Balance		3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00			
To Eastford Road Drainage System									
Cady Brook Retaining Wall	750.00		750.00	634.28					
To Engineering Expense					115.72	750.00			
Marcy St. Drain and Curbing	500.00		500.00	364.85		364.85	135.15		
Eastford Road, Elm, Everett and Cohasse Streets Drainage System	1,588.53								
By 1941 Balance		1,084.68							
By Brickyard Road		3,500.00							
By Nuisance Brook		480.42	6,653.63	5,583.34					
To Ashland Avenue Grading					700.00	6,283.34	370.29		
Nuisance Brook—1941 Balance		641.97	641.97	161.55		480.42	641.97		
To Eastford Road Drainage System									
Pleasant Street Drain	1,375.00		1,375.00	1,190.61					
To Accountant—Salary					183.34	1,373.95	1.05		
Wardwell Court Drain	830.00		830.00	734.21					
To Tax Collector—Salary					64.04	798.25	31.75		
Coombs Street Sidewalk									
By 1941 Balance		55.23	55.23	43.90		43.90	11.33		
Marjorie Lane and Westwood Parkway Sewer Purchase									
By Sewer Ass't Surplus Reserve		135.00	135.00	135.00		135.00			
Raudolph Street Sewer Purchase									
By Sewer Ass't Surplus Reserve		250.00	250.00	250.00		250.00			
Worcester Street Sewer (from Charlton Street to Elm Road, Homestead Avenue, Center Street, Worcester St. to Vinion Street)									
By Sewer Ass't Surplus Reserve		2,600.00							
By Sewer Ass't Surplus Reserve		1,100.00							
By Excess and Deficiency		5,500.00	9,200.00	6,638.43		6,638.43	2,561.57		
Swimming Pool and Public Park Site	20,000.00		26,000.00	24,304.30		24,304.30	1,695.70		
By Excess and Deficiency		6,000.00					500.00		
Salary and Wage Survey	500.00		500.00						
PUBLIC SAFETY—NATIONAL DEFENSE:									
Nat. Def.—Administration—1941 Balance		1,070.15							
By Uniforms and Supplies		301.25	1,371.40	869.35		869.35		502.05	
Nat. Def.—Auxiliary Police—1941 Balance		8,571.00	8,571.00	3,345.87		3,345.87	5,225.13		
Nat. Def.—Auxiliary Police—1941 Balance		13,602.60	13,602.60	12,207.89		12,207.89	1,394.11		
Nat. Def.—1st Aid Supplies—1941 Balance		918.00	918.00	125.48		125.48	792.52		
Nat. Def.—Radio Communication									
By 1941 Balance		1,000.00	1,000.00	800.00		800.00	200.00		
Nat. Def.—Uniforms and Supplies									
By 1941 Balance		3,025.52	3,025.52	43.00					
To Training									
To Administration									
To A. R. School									
To Report Center									
To A. R. Precautionary School									
Nat. Def.—Womens' Activities—1941 Balance		250.00	250.00	21.39		21.39		555.00	
Nat. Def.—Training								228.61	
By 1941 Balance		1,250.00							
By Uniforms and Supplies		300.00							
By Report Center		10.39							
By Refund		6.72	1,567.11	1,143.38					
To A. R. Precautionary School									
To A. R. Wardens' Equipment					73.73				
To Identification					100.00				
Nat. Def.—Air Raid Warning System					250.00	1,567.11			
By Uniforms and Supplies		1,250.00	1,250.00					1,250.00	
Nat. Def.—Report Center									
By Uniforms and Supplies		450.00	450.00						
To Training					10.39	10.39		439.61	
Nat. Def.—Air Raid Precautionary School									
By Uniforms and Supplies		126.27							
By Training		73.73	200.00					200.00	
Nat. Def.—Air Raid Wardens' Equipment									
By Training		100.00	100.00					100.00	
Nat. Def.—Identification									
By Training		250.00	250.00					250.00	
TOTALS—Special Appropriations	52,568.53	74,408.83	126,977.36	87,531.68	13,971.40	101,503.08	2,567.37	22,906.91	
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT:									
Interest—Temporary Loans	700.00		700.00	617.76		617.76	82.24		
Interest—Fixed Debt	3,590.00		3,590.00	3,590.00		3,590.00			
Maturing Debt	30,213.20								
By P. W. A. Cash		286.80	30,500.00	30,500.00		30,500.00			
TOTALS—Interest and Maturing Debt	34,503.20	286.80	34,790.00	34,707.76		34,707.76	82.24		
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT:									
State Tax	37,950.00		37,950.00	37,950.00		37,950.00			

State Aid	770.00	Town Salaries and	
Military Aid	515.00	Wages Survey	500.00
School	5,059.18	Health Department	
Cemetery	105.00	Expense	3.75
Aid to Highways:		Dresser Hill Road—	
State	2,640.40	Chapter 90 Con-	
County	1,970.21	struction	1,358.49
Overdrawn Accounts:		Poor Farm Hill Road	3,676.18
Town Hall Salaries	3.66	Breakneck Road	
Town Hall Expenses	4.23	Widening	1,977.94
Water and Ice	11.35	Swimming Pool and	
Health Salaries .....	.01	Park Project	1,695.70
Sewer Maintenance		Civilian Defense Ac-	
Expenses	1.08	tivities	11,137.03
Damage to Persons		Worcester Street Sew-	
and Property	195.00	er Construction	2,561.57
		Sewer Assessment Re-	
		serve	23,113.02
		Reserve Fund — Over-	
		lay Surplus	306.54
			11,235.40

Overlays Reserved for
Abatements:

Levy of 1941	1,111.40
Levy of 1942	12,038.13
	13,149.53

Revenue Reserved Until
Collected:

Motor Vehicle Tax	168.40
Sewer Assessment	913.00
Sidewalk Assessment	94.75
Tax Title	4,207.23
Departmental	12,265.05
Aid to Highways	2,010.61
	19,659.04

Excess and Deficiency	191,829.14
	375,791.95

375,791.95

Apportioned Sewer
Assessments Revenue:
Due in 1943

527.29

Apportioned Assessments Not Due:
Sewer
Sidewalk

1,008.78
327.45

1944	318.62
1945	144.68
1946	18.19
	1,008.78

Apportioned Sidewalk
Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1943	125.37
1944	125.37
1945	76.71
	327.45

1,336.23	1,336.23

DEBT ACCOUNTS

172,000.00	Eastford Road and West Street School Loan	98,000.00
	Northern District Ele- mentary School Loan	64,000.00
	Emergency Storm Damage Loan	10,000.00

172,000.00	172,000.00

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

TRUST ACCOUNTS

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Annual Report

of the

Retirement Board

RECEIPTS

Contributions from
Members:

Group One	3,891.48	
Group Two	1,494.88	5,386.36

Town Appropriations:

Pension Accumulation
Fund:

Accrued Liability	5,291.00	
Normal Liability	2,684.00	7,975.00

Expense Fund:

Salaries	625.00	
Other Expenses	250.00	875.00
Interest Deficiency	154.56	154.56

Other Income:

Interest Income	718.25	718.25
Cash on Hand January 1, 1942	407.42	407.42
Deposits to Savings Account less Deposits made in 1941	2,482.45	2,482.45

17,999.04

PAYMENTS

Securities Purchased:	4,560.00	4,560.00
Contributions Refunded:		
Group One	1,955.57	
Group Two	934.75	2,890.32
Interest on Contributions Refunded:		
Group One	116.28	
Group Two	69.28	185.56
Pensions—Members with Subsequent Service Only:		
Group One	5,127.53	
Group Two	3,418.11	8,545.64
Pensions—Members with Subsequent Service Only:		
Group One	15.67	15.67
Annuities Paid:		
Group One	225.92	
Group Two	31.82	257.74
Investments:		
Increase in Value of Securities	350.00	350.00
Administration Expenses:		
Salaries:		
Clerk	625.00	625.00
All Other:		
Printing, Stationery		
Supplies and Binders	69.85	
Postage, Telephone and Express	43.46	
Furniture and Fixtures	19.11	
Travel Expenses	29.95	

Association Dues	5.00	
Bonds	75.00	242.37
Cash on Hand and in Checking Account De- cember 31, 1942 ...	326.74	326.74
		<u>17,999.04</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Cash	3,691.43	
Securities	27,030.00	30,721.43
		<u>30,721.43</u>
Annuity Savings Fund	19,225.42	
Annuity Reserve Fund	2,031.61	
Pension Reserve Fund	113.83	
Pension Accumulation Fund	9,708.13	
Expense Fund	8.84	31,087.83
		<u>30,721.43</u>
Less Deficiencies:		
Investment Income		366.40
		<u>30,721.43</u>

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Deposits not on Inter- est (Bank)	146.47
Deposits on Interest (Bank)	3,364.69

Cash on Hand	180.27	
Total Cash		3,691.43
Investments	27,030.00	27,030.00
Interest Accrued	366.40	366.40
Total Assets		31,087.83

LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Fund:

Group One	14,236.13	
Group Two	4,989.29	19,225.42

Annuity Reserve Fund:

Group One	1,484.22	
Group Two	547.39	2,031.61

Pension Reserve Fund:

Group One	113.83	113.83
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Pension Accumulation Fund:

Group One	9,708.13	9,708.13
Expense Fund	8.84	8.84

31,087.83

JOSEPH LAFLECHE, Chairman
JOSEPH E. DESROSIER, Secretary
JOHN G. CLARKE

Retirement Board

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.



FOR THE
Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 1942

In Memoriam

AGNES MEAGHER

Teacher and Principal

in the

Southbridge Schools

1886 -- 1936

Organization of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1942-1943

Arthur H. Gaumond, Chairman, 45 South Street	1945
Joseph S. Normandin, 14 Dresser Street	1945
Ernest Boyer, 108 Hartwell Street	1944
Nestor L. Pontbriand, 12 Cohasse Street	1944
Hector M. LeClair, Lebanon Hill	1943
Charles E. Hart, 57 Newell Avenue	1943

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Channing H. Greene Residence, 35 Orchard Street
Office: High School Building, Tel. 365

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P. M.; Saturdays: 9:00 to 11:30 A. M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 7:30 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street Tel. 1108

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street	Tel. 984
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street	Tel. 32

SCHOOL NURSE

Winifred V. King, 91 Elm Street Tel. 1340-W

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Raoul O. Lataille, 86 High Street

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1943

Winter term, seven weeks	January 4, 1943-February 19
Spring term, eight weeks	March 1-April 23
Summer term, eight weeks	May 3-June 25
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 8-December 22

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A. M. will indicate **no morning session for all grades**. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7:15 A. M. also to indicate **no morning session for all grades**.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12:30 P. M. will indicate **no afternoon session for all grades**. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12:30 P. M. also to indicate **no afternoon session for all grades**.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of the Worcester County Electric Company.*

* Light signals are omitted during winter months due to war-time daylight saving.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submits the following report of the finances of the School Department of the Town for the year closing December 31, 1942:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In brief:

Total expenditures	\$224,708.71	
Total receipts returned to Town		
Treasurer	49,435.58	
		<u>175,273.13</u>
Net Cost to the Town		

In detail:

Receipts to School Department:

Appropriation	222,182.00	
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S.		
Government	4,677.33	
George-Deen Fund	6,165.20	
Bal. Dec. 31, 1942	414.03	5,751.17
		<u>232,610.50</u>
Total Funds Available		

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL		8,436.54
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:		
Transportation	8,496.29	
Tuition to other schools	39.60	
		<u>8,535.89</u>
Total—Auxiliary Agencies		
Amount Forward		16,972.43

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HIGH SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	39,546.23
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks	844.19
Supplies	2,652.19
Other expenses	307.75
Operation of plant	9,770.02
Maintenance of plant	1,525.56
Capital outlay	906.21
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Total—High School	55,552.15

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Instruction salaries	63,040.27
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks	999.03
Supplies	3,198.36
Other expenses	248.18
Operation of plant	14,755.43
Maintenance of plant	1,655.68
Capital outlay	1,827.54
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Total—Elementary Schools	85,724.49
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Amount Forward	158,249.07

Amount Forward	158,249.07
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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	40,227.62	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	191.53	
Supplies	2,927.23	
Other expenses	352.85	
Operation of plant	4,709.79	
Maintenance of plant	989.15	
Capital outlay	3,127.90	
Total—Vocational School		52,526.07

ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	565.00	
Instruction expenses	36.12	
Other expenses	17.06	
Operation of plant	74.00	
Total—Elementary Evening School		692.18

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE:

Salary	373.96	
Total—Compulsory Attendance		373.96

MEDICAL SERVICE:

Salary	1,268.02	
Total—Medical Service		1,268.02
Amount Forward		213,109.30

Amount Forward	213,109.30
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NURSE SERVICE:

Salary	1,548.74	
Other expenses	370.37	
Total—Nurse Service		1,919.11

DOMESTIC SCIENCE:

Salaries	2,713.42	
Supplies	193.42	
Maintenance	18.60	
Capital outlay	12.56	
Total—Domestic Science		2,938.00

CONTINUATION SCHOOL:

Supplies	15.12	
Total—Continuation School		15.12

HOUSEHOLD ARTS:

Supplies	193.41	
Other instruction expenses	19.86	
Total—Household Arts		213.27

Amount Forward	218,194.80
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EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	1,214.12	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies	55.69	
Operation of plant	1,245.09	
Maintenance of plant	123.40	
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Total—Evening Vocational School		2,638.30
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SUMMER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	1,460.25	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies	2.50	
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Total—Summer Vocational School		1,462.75

PLAYGROUNDS:

Instruction salaries	1,656.10	
Doctor salaries	2.00	
Other expenses	754.76	
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Total—Playgrounds		2,412.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		224,708.71
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1942		7,901.79
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		\$232,610.50

RECEIPTS RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER

Massachusetts School Fund	12,441.00
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant	8,014.55
Vocational School (Day) State Grant	16.43
Vocation School—General Vocational	4,642.54
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant	678.90
Household Arts—State Grant	1,440.84
Continuation School—State Grant	237.03
Worcester Boys' Evening Trade School Tuition— State Grant	9.00
Worcester David Hale Trade School for Girls	85.36
Worcester Evening Practical Arts	12.60
Smith-Hughes, U. S. Government Fund	4,451.88
George-Deen Fund	6,165.20
High School Tuition	3,682.17
Elementary School Tuition	593.52
Evening Vocational School Tuition	178.15
Vocational School Tuition	6,093.25
Bus Tickets Sold	3.00
Cole Trade School, Goods Sold	949.06
Reimbursement on Typewriters	120.00
Auditorium Rental, Goods Sold, and Refunds	35.13
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Total	49,849.61
George-Deen Fund—Balance, December 31, 1942	414.03
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer	49,435.58
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It again becomes my duty, as Chairman of the School Committee, to present some major facts concerning the operation of our school plant for the year just past.

The last School Committee report tried to forecast in general what some impacts of the war might be. Since then many happenings of specific nature can be very well called to your mind.

A large majority of our teachers and many pupils have been engaged in various forms of civilian defense duties, such as manning the airplane spotting tower, duty at the control center, district warden duty, home nursing, and Red Cross assignments. The Principal of the High School has served as chief air-raid warden, the Chairman of the School Committee has served as deputy warden, the Superintendent of Schools has served as a member of the Steering Committee of the Public Safety Committee since its inception and served for a short time as a member of the Southbridge War Price and Rationing Board.

The year has brought considerable changes in personnel in addition to the men teachers who have left us for military service. Several have left for employment elsewhere, and others have given up teaching duties either temporarily or permanently.

Last year, a few of our senior boys left us before graduation time for enlistment, and many more have done so during the current year.

In the High School, particularly, an earnest attempt has been made to give both boys and girls a better preparation for their very probable military service by increasing the amount of time given to mathematics, science, home nursing, and health courses. Last summer, a night course was offered in the elements of aeronautics, and somewhat over twenty older boys reported enthusiastically to this opportunity. A course in aeronautics has been incorporated in the curriculum in the present school year. We have also changed the program in the seventh and eighth grades and have increased the of-

ferings in science and mathematics there, in the belief that those boys and girls could well profit by the maximum possible instruction in these fields.

One of the greatest ways in which the teachers have performed an outstanding service to the public has been at the time of the various rationing programs. I want to say now to all citizens THAT NO TEACHER OR SCHOOL EMPLOYEE has received a single cent of pay for any of the work in rationing or for other war-time tasks. I wish to emphasize this point because evidently some people believe that teachers have been paid overtime for additional work. This is not the case, and as this report is being written, the teachers are now facing their greatest rationing responsibility, namely: the issuance of War Ration Book II, which will be much more inclusive than any previous part of the program.

An impact of the war came upon us very suddenly and decisively when we got the word from federal sources early in December that practically no fuel oil would be available for schools after January first. We had been able, through the generosity of the taxpayers, at a special Town meeting in August, to buy sufficient coal to last through the winter, but we had not been able to build up any oil reserve. We considered several ways in which to meet this situation, but after all facts were weighed, it seemed wise to put all schools on a one-session day, having Wells High, Marcy Street, Charlton Street, and River Street meet in a morning session from 8:00 to 12:20, and to make the Wells High School and Marcy Street School buildings available for an afternoon session for the Eastford Road and West Street groups. The wisdom of consolidating all evening-school sessions in the Wells High School building resulted in a very definite saving of fuel.

The readjustment of the school day has given both teachers and pupils a more concentrated program. Of course, there has been some loss, but against this, is the fact that over 200

high-school pupils have entered part-time employment, and many pupils below the high-school age have been helping out at home during the part of the day when they are not in school, so that older members of the family can accept employment.

Another difficult situation which the war has brought is in the matter of transportation. It is not necessary to inform anyone who reads this report that automobile transportation has been and must be drastically curtailed. We have direct orders from the Office of Defense Transportation that no new transportation routes may be established under two miles. It will be necessary for bus routes to be rerouted and, in many cases, pupils will be required to walk any distance up to 1.5 miles. If they are moving into a section not previously covered by transportation routes, the School Department will do everything within its power to help out in this matter, but we must all remember that a very critical situation does exist in the field of transportation.

Last year, the School Committee employed an elementary supervisor of writing, and as a further attempt to equalize and to improve elementary education, the Committee has voted to employ a supervisor of elementary education. This supervisor will build up courses of study, assist in the selection of textbooks, and be in charge of a uniform testing program which will have, as its object, the placing of pupils where they can advance to the limit of their ability.

Earlier in this report, I mentioned the fact that nearly every one of our young men instructors had gone into service. This has meant a very severe curtailment of our physical education program in the elementary schools, and I hope, very much, that the Town will see fit to grant a generous appropriation for summer playgrounds so that the children can get there the physical exercise which they have been unable to secure during the present school year.

As Chairman of the School Committee, I am mindful of the fine support given the School Department by colleagues, and I am very grateful to all members of the teaching personnel for their continued devotion to school duties, and their splendid public spirit in undertaking so many additional duties in connection with the war effort which does so vitally affect each and every one of us.

The School Committee is grateful for the support of citizens and taxpayers and hopes that, in the difficult months ahead, the splendid support given to the schools can be continued.

As Chairman, I extend, for the Committee, good wishes and congratulations to our colleague, Ernest Boyer, who has temporarily left the service of the community to enter the service of his country.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GAUMOND

Chairman, School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Southbridge:

It is a pleasure to submit herewith my sixth annual report, which is the fifty-eighth such report issued by superintendents of the public schools of Southbridge.

I have studied with considerable interest the reports which have been forwarded to me by department heads. I feel that these reports present an accurate picture of the last year's work, and therefore leave very few topics for me to discuss.

I have noted particularly the impact of the war as evidenced by reports of Mr. Robertson and Mr. Morrell. We must realize the fact that secondary education has undergone a vast change during the past few months, and it is quite probable that our enrollments will shrink in both of these schools as the demand for manpower becomes increasingly necessary. However, we must strive, during this difficult period, to keep together a corps of teachers and pupils who can help to form the nucleus of trained leadership which we will need so desperately as the war clouds deepen.

We started evening courses in several subjects about one year ago. These have grown in popularity until at the present time, we are offering courses in the following subjects to a total of two hundred eighty-two pupils.

Advanced Shorthand	English
Advanced Shorthand II	English II
Biology	Industrial Chemistry
Blue Print Reading	Mechanics I
Business Arithmetic	Motion Study
Comptometer Operation	Motion Study II
Comptometer Operation II	Office Practice
Elementary Algebra	Sketching and Painting
Elementary Chemistry	Spanish
Elementary Gregg Shorthand	Typing I
Elementary Gregg Shorthand II	Typing II

The Americanization courses are being conducted as usual with an attendance of eight adults in citizenship training classes.

In these two fields also we are striving to develop trained leadership.

Teachers in many parts of the country have left teaching to enter industry. That has not been the case with us. Although we have lost far too many teachers, it has been for advancement in their profession. We must take steps so that our staff will not be depleted in this manner.

It was a very difficult thing for me as Superintendent to recommend the closing of two of our three splendid elementary schools. That procedure, however, seemed a necessary one in view of the fuel situation; and also in view of the construction of the schools, which made conversion quite unsatisfactory until a test had been made in the third school which was more easily adaptable. We can tell better by May first, whether or not Charlton Street School can be properly heated by coal. If that cannot be done, I see no justification for converting at the other two schools. I believe, however, that our elementary

school offerings will be interrupted only very slightly, and even though the length of the school day has been shortened, the teachers will endeavor to impart the fundamentals of instruction in each and every grade.

I regret exceedingly the loss of our men in the elementary field which has meant almost a complete curtailment of our physical education offerings in those grades, but that too must be considered a part of the price of total war.

We have made an outstanding advance, I believe, in our elementary offerings with the improvement and enlargement of our manual arts classes at the River Street School. The boys and girls who are assigned there are making a worthwhile progress and are being given the best type of education possible for them.

No one can foretell what we will be able to accomplish educationally in any of our schools during the coming months, because our first task will be to do everything possible to assist in the war effort; for without victory for us in this world-wide struggle, all education as we know it in America would be destroyed. All of us can rest assured, however, that each and every principal, teacher, and school employee will give of his best in the uncertain months which lie ahead.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the support of committee members and of taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING H. GREENE

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1941 to July, 1942. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1942 to January 1, 1943.

I.—Population and Valuation

Population of town, census of 1930	14,262
Population of town, census of 1935	15,786
Population of town, census of 1940	16,807
Assessed valuation of town	\$14,515,777
Number of polls, male	5,830
Rate of taxation	\$ 39.00
Valuation of school houses and lots	\$ 932,000
Valuation of other school property	\$ 45,000

II.—School Houses (Including Trade School)—1942*

Number houses—occupied	7	Unoccupied	0
Schoolrooms—occupied	84	Unoccupied	0

III.—Teachers (Including Trade School)

Number of male teachers	26
Number of female teachers	58**
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	84

IV.—Pupils

Number of children in town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

	1942
Between the ages of 5 and 7	387
Between the ages of 7 and 14	1,727
Between the ages of 14 and 16	438
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Total persons between ages of 5 and 16	2,552

* Two elementary school houses are temporarily closed.

** One teacher is a full-time substitute.

	1941	1942
Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
from September to June	1,844	1,702
Number between 5 and 7	197	133
Number between 7 and 14	941	938
Number between 14 and 16	408	412
Number over 16 years of age	298	219
Average membership	1,729	1,637
Average daily attendance	1,639	1,553
Total enrollment NOTRE DAME		
from September to June	662	612
Number between 5 and 7	37	70
Number between 7 and 14	404	426
Number between 14 and 16	129	90
Number over 16 years of age	92	26
Average membership	623	553
Average daily attendance	596	514
Total enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC		
from September to June	381	374
Number between 5 and 7	52	47
Number between 7 and 14	315	323
Number between 14 and 16	14	6
Number over 16 years of age	—	—
Average membership	364	356
Average daily attendance	349	344
Total enrollment ST. MARY'S		
from September to June	208	235
Number between 5 and 7	27	26
Number between 7 and 14	124	160
Number between 14 and 16	27	29
Number over 16 years of age	30	20
Average membership	215	224
Average daily attendance	203	210
Number between 5 and 7	27	26

CHANGE OF TEACHERS—Resigned or Leave of Absence

February—Resigned	Vera Brinkler	Charlton Street School
February—Leave of absence	Lewis Kyrios	Mary E. Wells High School
February—Leave of absence	Berg Paraghamian	Mary E. Wells High School
March—Resigned	Albert W. Diniak	River Street School
March—Resigned	Amos Kimmens	Cole Trade School (N. D. Tr.)*
April—Leave of absence	Howard Bingley	Eastford Road School
April—Resigned	Irving England	Cole Trade School
April—Leave of absence	Nathan White	Charlton Street School
June—Resigned	Daniel Parks	River Street School
June—Resigned	Charles Potter	Charlton Street School
June—Resigned	Doris Potter	West Street School
September—Resigned	Viola Bruso	Charlton Street School
September—Resigned	Marjorie Chapman	Marcy Street School
September—Leave of absence	Alice Dion	West Street School
September—Leave of absence	Willard Freeman	River Street School
September—Leave of absence	Cecile LeClair	Mary E. Wells High School
September—Leave of absence	Constance L'Ecuyer	Marcy Street School
September—Resigned	Carl Richmond	Music Supervisor
September—Resigned	Sylvia Roper	Mary E. Wells High School
September—Resigned	Peter J. Sperandio	Mary E. Wells High School
September—Leave of absence	Roland Wallace	Cole Trade School
November—Leave of absence	Earl G. Houston	Charlton Street School
December—Resigned	Vivian Burns	Charlton Street School
December—Leave of absence	Lawrence Swenson	Cole Trade School

Appointed

February	Edith C. Howes	Charlton Street School
March	John L. Benson	Cole Trade School (N. D. Tr.)*
March	Peter J. Sperandio	Mary E. Wells High School
March	Norman Tardiff	Mary E. Wells High School
March	Lenore Thompson	Eastford Road School
April	Grace M. Palmer	West Street School
June	Florida Demers	West Street School
June	Earl G. Houston	Charlton Street School
June	Margaret E. Hyde	River Street School
September	Gladys Cowan	River Street School
September	Dorothy Dolan	Music Supervisor
September	Dorothy Giddings	Charlton Street School
September	Marcella Gilrain	Mary E. Wells High School
September	Irene Lidwin	Charlton Street School
September	Elizabeth Monahan	River Street School
September	Elizabeth Robinson	Charlton Street School
November	Ruth M. Bissett	West Street School
December	Emma Cadwell	Charlton Street School

* National Defense Training

CORPS OF TEACHERS—January 1, 1943

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Channing H. Greene, B. S.	1929	Superintendent	Middlebury (a)
M. Ed.			U. of N. H. (b)
			Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Elsie A. Hofstra	1933	Secretary to Supt.	
		Becker's Business College	

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Robertson, B. S.	1937	Principal	B. U. (a) (b) (c)
M. Ed.			Harvard (c)
			Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Hedwiga Swiacki	1941	Secretary to Principal	
		Mary E. Wells High School	
Pauline M. Aucoin, B. S.	1921	Commercial and French	
			B. U. (a) (c)
Kathryn Beauregard, B. A.	1922	French Math. Middlebury	(a) (c)
		Jr. Red Cross	B. U. (c)
Rose Brodeur, B. S.	1939	Social Studies, Testing	
			B. U. (a) (c)
Constance Coderre, B. S.	1929	Commercial and Student	
		Council Simmons	(a) B. U. (c)
			Columbia (c)
Louise B. Corbin	1924	Home Economics, Sr. Red Cross	
			Wheaton
		Simmons, Fitchburg	T. C.
Paul E. Dion, B. S. Ed.	1936	General Science	
M. S.		Guidance, Safety,	
		Biology, Coaching	
			R. I. College of Ed. (a)
			(c) Clark (c) Mass. State (b)
Priscilla Drake, B. S.	1928	History, Social Studies,	
M. A.		Glee Club, Assemblies	
			B. U. (a) (b) Springfield (c)
			Trinity College (c)
Martin J. Earls, B. A.	1934	English, Public Speaking	
M. S.		Holy Cross	(a) Mass. State (b)
			Columbia (c)
Thecla Fitzgerald, B. A.	1926	English, Drama	Radcliffe (a)
M. Ed.		Newswriting, C. and G.	B. U. (b)
Marcella Gilrain, B. A.	1942	Science and Algebra	Vassar (a)
M. A.			Wellesley (b) Clark (c)
			Columbia (c) Harvard (c)
Barbara Hall, B. S. Ed.	1940	Home Economics	
		Continuation School	
			Framingham T. C. (a)
			Fitchburg T. C. (c)

Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree
 (b) Master's Degree
 (c) Graduate Work

C. Estelle Hefner, Ph. B.	1933	Latin and English Brown (a) B. U. (c)
Persis F. Howe, B. S. Ed.	1930	Commercial Salem T. C. (a) Columbia (c) Clark (c)
Dorothy M. Lanphear, B. S.	1935	English, Guidance Worcester T. C. (a) Clark (c)
Raoul Lataille, B. A.	1939	Chemistry, General Science Visual Ed., Coaching Assumption (a)
Harry J. McMahon, Ph. B.	1926	Chemistry, Physics Aeronautics and Coaching Holy Cross (a) B. U. (b)
	M. Ed.	Harvard (c)
Alma Ruth Norton, B. S. Ed.	1941	Commercial, Math., Coaching Salem T. C. (a) B. U. (c)
Flora Tait, B. S. Ed.	1939	Occupations, English Dramatic Club Framingham T. C. (a) B. U. (c) Cornell (c)
Norman Tardiff, B. S.	1942	Mathematics, Coaching Bates (a)
Frances Troy, B. S. Ed.	1927	Commercial Salem T. C. (a) B. U. (c)
Margaret Vannah, B. A.	1941	Commercial Mass. State (a) Bay Path Institute

COLE TRADE SCHOOL—Regular Faculty

Clark H. Morrell	1931	Director B. U., State Courses Fitchburg T. C.
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	Secretary to Director N. E. School of Secretarial Science
Georgette Desaulniers	1942	Clerk Mary E. Wells
Harold Andrews	1941	Painting and Decorating Fitchburg T. C.
John Benson	1942	Machine Related Northeastern U. (Cooperative)
George H. Braman	1938	Factory Maintenance Northeastern U. State Extension
William Delaney, B. S.	1940	General Vocational Academic Boston T. C. (b)
	M. Ed.	Boston University (a)
Walter J. Glondek	1938	Machine Work Cole Trade Fitchburg T. C. Clark University
Leo Grenier	1936	Machine Work Cole Trade Fitchburg T. C.
Ernest Hall	1926	Industrial Printing Southbridge H. S.

Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Nels H. Johnson	1937	Co-operative Machine Shop	Lowell Textile School Gen. Electric at Lynn Fitchburg T. C.
Clarence Knowles	1942	Electrical	Cole Trade
Emery A. Lavallee	1926	Placement Co-ordinator	Fitchburg T. C. State Extension
William Nickerson	1941	General Vocational Wood	Norwich U. Fitchburg T. C.
Raymond Peterson, B. S.	1942	General Vocational, Related	Northeastern U. (a)
William Paul	1942	General Vocational Machine	Lowell Textile
Herman Polley	1933	General Vocational Machine Related	Wentworth Institute State Courses
Myron Sibley	1941	Factory Maintenance Sheet Metal	Worcester Boys Trade Fitchburg T. C.
Frank P. Skinyon, B. S.	1934	Cabinet Pattern Making	Fitchburg T. C. (a)

COLE TRADE SCHOOL—National Defense Faculty

Anita Farland	1940	Clerk	Mary E. Wells
Harold Stewart	1941	Machine Work	Worcester Boys Trade Defense Training

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

Jennie G. Monroe	1905	Acting Principal	Bridgewater T. C.
Patricia P. Callahan B. S. Ed.	1939	History, Geography Science—6, 7, 8	Westfield T. C. (a) Extension Courses (c) Worcester T. C. (a)
Florida G. Demers, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 5	Hyannis T. C. (a) (c)
Edith C. Howes, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 3	Lowell T. C. (a)
Irene L. Lidwin, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grades 1, 2, 3	Worcester T. C. (a)
Frances M. Moschella, B. S. Ed.	1939	English—6, 7, 8	Lowell T. C. (a)
Emma E. Nicol, B. S. Ed.	1940	Grade 1	Bradshaw Bus. College
Eva A. Poulin, B. S. Ed. M. A.	1933	History, Geography 6, 7, 8	Clark (b) Worcester T. C. (a)
Elizabeth Robinson, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 2	Hyannis T. C. (a) Wheelock School
Marie J. Saunders	1924	Mathematics—6, 7, 8	Westchester T. C. Extension Courses
Dorothy G. Staknis, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 4	Bridgewater T. C. (a)

Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Margaret G. Butler	1892	Principal	Hyannis T. C.
Sylvia Claflin, B. S.	1929	Remedial Work Grade 1	Westfield T. C. Columbia (a)
Bertha Foley	1912	Grade 2	Worcester T. C. Extension Courses
Irene Gough	1914	Geography, Science, Music	Worcester Domestic Science School
Julia C. Morrill	1914	Grade 3	St. Joseph's Normal Extension Course, B. U.
Pauline M. Roy	1923	Grade 5	North Adams T. C. Bay Path, Mass. State
Ruth W. Sampson	1930	Grade 4	Westfield T. C. B. U., Miami U.
Lenore Thompson	1942	English, Social Studies History, Science	Gorham N. S., Smith College B. U. Cornell
Bertha Wallace	1922	Mathematics, Art, Spelling	Hyannis T. C., B. U.

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Principal	St. Ann's Academy
		Art, Music	Fitchburg T. C.
Marjorie Campbell, B. S. Ed.	1933	History, English Literature	University Extension Bridgewater T. C. (a) Columbia (c) Simmons (c)
Mabel Chamberlain	1902	Grades 1, 2	State Extension Courses
Hannah Cook B. S. Ed.	1929	Science, Geography Literature	Bridgewater T. C. Hyannis T. C. (a) (c) Extension Courses (c)
Camella Dintini, B. S. Ed.	1940	Grades 3, 4	Worcester T. C. (a)
Mabel Joy	1915	Grade 5	Salem T. C.
Julia Yott	1917	Mathematics, English, Reading	Fitchburg T. C.

Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Cecelia Sousa, B. S. Ed.	1940	Acting Principal Special Class (girls) Manual Arts I	Wellesley Salem T. C. (a) (c) University Extension
Gladys H. Cowan	1942	Special Class (boys) Academic Manual Arts III	Farmington State Normal, U. of Maine
Margaret E. Hyde, B. S. Ed.	1942	Special Class (boys) Manual Arts II	Salem T. C. (a) Worcester T. C. (a) University Extension (c)
Elizabeth E. Monahan B. S. Ed.	1942	Grades 1, 2	
Clara M. Reed *	1918	Special Class (boys)	Westfield State Normal Extension Courses

WEST STREET SCHOOL

Laurenda A. Boyer	1927	Principal	Boston University
Corinne Beaudreau	1924	Grade 1	State Extension Courses
Ruth M. Bissett, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 3	Bridgewater T. C. (a)
Emma E. Cadwell, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 5	Bridgewater T. C. (a)
Celestine M. Carey	1932	Geography, History Spelling, Science	Our Lady of the Elms Hyannis T. C.
Zenon A. Gerry, B. S. Ed.	1941	Mathematics, Science Spelling, Art	Bridgewater T. C. (a)
Grace Palmer, B. S. Ed.	1942	English, Literature Reading, Arithmetic	Worcester T. C. (a) University of Vt. (c)
Edith M. Randall	1920	Grade 2	State Extension Courses
May O. Simpson	1911	Grade 4	Worcester T. C. Extension Courses

Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree

(c) Graduate Work

* Full-time Substitute

SPECIAL TEACHERS

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Claire Birtz	1937	Special	
Margaret G. Butler	1892	Director of Americanization	Worcester School of Art, B. U. Hyannis T. C.
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Director of Continuation	St. Ann's Academy Fitchburg T. C. University Extension
Dorothy Dolan, B. S. Ed.	1942	Music Supervisor	Lowell T. C. (a)

JANITORS

Rosario Bertrand	1936	West Street School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street (Cole Trade)
Felix Lavallee	1923	Mary E. Wells High School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Mary E. Wells High School
Ludger Leveille	1942	Charlton Street School
Napoleon Martel *	1937	Charlton Street School
Henry Masse	1942	River Street School
Armand Mathieu	1936	Eastford Road School
Omer Metivier	1938	Marcy Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Mary E. Wells High School
Charles Quevillon	1928	Cole Trade School

Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree
 * Leave of Absence

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1942

					Aver.		
	Boys	Gls.	Tot.	Mem.	Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
High School	225	348	573	573	495.8	520.66	94.65
Charlton St. Grade VIII	20	15	35	35	29.8	30.52	96.37
Eastford Rd. Grade VIII	10	6	16	17	14.2	14.97	94.88
Marcy St. Grade VIII	12	18	30	30	27.14	27.80	97.59
West St. Grade VIII	14	15	29	30	25.69	26.72	94.80
Charlton St. Grade VII	29	24	53	53	23.74	24.70	96.55
Eastford R. Grade VII	13	12	25	26	22.37	23.31	95.95
Marcy St. Grade VII	37	23	60	60	25.80	27.25	94.67
West St. Grade VII	23	15	38	38	34.43	36.53	93.96
Charlton St. Grade VI	21	18	39	39	36.26	37.65	96.37
Eastford Rd. Grade VI	16	15	31	33	29.53	31.31	94.28
Marcy St. Grade VI	14	21	35	37	33.04	34.35	96.16
West St. Grade VI	24	16	40	41	36.99	38.85	95.14
Charlton St. Grade V	20	17	37	37	34.14	35.63	95.82
Charlton St. Grades I & V	15	9	24	31	27.34	28.65	95.56
Eastford Rd. Grade V	17	16	33	37	33.95	35.64	95.44
Marcy St. Grade V	20	21	41	43	35.21	37.31	94.35
West St. Grade V	19	19	38	40	36.82	38.34	95.67
Charlton St. Grade V	13	32	45	45	41.03	42.81	95.81
Eastford Rd. Grade IV	13	15	28	29	27.63	28.61	96.66
Marcy St. Grades III & IV	22	12	34	35	29.91	31.41	95.18
West St. Grade IV	15	16	31	31	26.47	28.23	93.72
Charlton St. Grade III	21	26	47	49	40.50	42.01	97.35
Eastford Rd. Grade III	11	15	26	28	26.06	27.25	96.23
West St. Grade III	18	10	28	32	28.65	30.36	94.44
Charlton St. Grade II	22	20	42	44	39.10	40.76	96.14
Eastford Rd. Grade II	16	13	29	30	27.49	28.92	94.75
Marcy St. Grades I & II	8	21	29	31	26.71	29.08	91.87
River St. Grades I & II	19	16	35	38	29.44	31.75	92.73
West St. Grade II	14	17	31	33	29.89	31.48	94.78
Charlton St. Grade I	19	16	35	35	30.37	32.11	94.55
Eastford Rd. Grade I	16	11	27	29	24.67	26.61	92.70
West St. Grade I	17	10	27	29	25.64	27.61	92.95
River St. Manual Arts I		14	14	14	12.38	13.20	93.14
River St. Manual Arts II	22		22	23	18.91	19.91	95.29
River St. Manual Arts III	22		22	22	16.84	18.55	90.63
Cole Trade Day	282		282	282	111.86	122.81	92.83
Cole Trade Cooperative	250		250	250	114.02	121.01	96.98
Continuation School		21	21	21	11.61	12.9	90.65

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September, 1941—June, 1942—Girls

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Tot.
I	13	38	3													54
II		16	43	12		1										72
III			18	30	7	2	1									58
IV				18	30	7	6	4	2							67
V				1	22	41	10	6	4	1						85
VI						18	32	11	4	3	2					70
VII						1	14	30	12	6						63
VIII							1	17	20	10	5	1				54
IX								2	32	55	29	1				119
X									6	29	48	10				93
XI										3	29	32	4	1		69
XII												12	46	10		68
Ungraded					1			1	5	4	2	1				14
	13	54	64	61	60	70	64	71	85	111	115	57	50	11		886

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September, 1941—June, 1942—Boys

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Un- known	Tot.
I	14	48	6		1												68
II		13	34	15	3	1											66
III			15	31	9	7	2									1	65
IV				5	26	8	7	5									51
V					9	42	15	11	5								82
VI						15	37	13	4	2							75
VII							11	36	23	20	12						102
VIII							1	15	26	9	4	1					56
IX							1	10	15	22	9	1					58
X								1	2	19	36	7	5				70
XI										1	11	36	5	1			54
XII											1	14	21	5			41
Ungraded			1	3	4	2	3	5	3	11	9	3					44
	14	61	56	54	52	75	77	96	78	86	84	62	31	6	1		833

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my sixth annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1942-1943 is divided as follows: Seniors, 106; Juniors, 113; Sophomores, 155; Freshmen, 121; Post Graduates, 4; a total of 499 pupils.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses: namely, Academic, Commercial, and General.

One hundred and five pupils were graduated on June 25, 1942, and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

CLASS OF 1942—Academic

*Ruth Diana Abrams
*Robert Oliver Aucoin
*Mary Elizabeth Dirlam
*Pauline Gertrude Ethier
*Roslyn Lois Goodwin
*Mary Ann Hazelton
William John Hogan
Alexander John Kowalewski

*Fred Lincoln Morse
Juliette Anne Perron
*Joseph Harvey Richard
*Jean Catherine Robertson
*Jean Francois Roy
Francis Thomas Swiacki
*Bertha Caroline Swyncicki
*Thomas Grant Walkinshaw

Commercial

Marie Theresa Asselin
Felicia Antoinette Bednarz
*Azelle Delma Belisle
Eileen Estelle Bolduc
*Gertrude Eva Bouvier
Juliette Marie Brault

*Norman Leopold Hebert
*Doris Mae Hickox
Panayota Marie Kraly
*Pauline Anita Langlais
*Julia Nellie Lichorowicz
*Claire Janet Lusignan

June Barbara Byron
 *Mae Ethel Chaffee
 *Antoinette Christo
 *Marjorie Louise Cole
 Helen Anne Damian
 *Georgette Theresa Desaulniers
 *June Desrosier
 *Lorraine Rita Desrosier
 Ruth Lorraine Dionne
 Lorraine Constance Donais
 Virginia Mary Dzura
 *James Henry Eagles
 Barbara Shirley Ann Egan
 *Marjorie Helen Finlay
 *Gloria Thelma Fiset

*Alice Cecilia Zadonek

*Dorothy Ruth Merrick
 *Lucille Ruth Pinsonneault
 *Rubia Claire Pinsonneault
 *Lorraine Anita Proulx
 Louise Elizabeth Quattrocelli
 *Marie Louise Richard
 *Helen Ann Ryczek
 *Elaine Claire Salva
 Shirley Lorraine Salva
 *Olga Rita Salvuolo
 *Rose Mary Sanek
 *Violet May Savory
 *Ethel August Smith
 Gloria Anne Tetreault
 Christine Elinor Williams

General

Jeanne Antoinette Bombardier
 Vincent Richard Boniface
 Harold Lincoln Briggs
 *Jean Louise Buckley
 Noel Joseph Butler
 *Frank Sibley Chipman, Jr.
 *Robert Ernest Cote
 *Barbara Clare Cudworth
 Dino Alfred DeAngelis
 Charles Homer Demers
 Armand Peter DiFederico
 Margaret Joan Diorio
 *Norman Charles Franz
 Lionel Louis Gagnon
 Carl Hard
 Barbara May Harman
 *Marjorie Conant Hobson
 Emilienne Antoinette Jolin
 Jesse Elias Jones III
 Margaret Ann Keenan
 Vasilikie Elizabeth Kollios
 *Martha Elean Koprowski
 *Herman Chester Laskowski

*Louise Elizabeth LeClair
 Sarah Ann Lenti
 Minor Edward McLaughlin
 Eugene Louis Mathieu
 *Norman Roger Mathieu
 *Juliette Maria Matte
 Norman Kendall Morong
 *Marvin Porter Morse
 Russell Edwards Morse
 Gerard Clarence Pelletier
 Joseph Raymond Phaneuf
 Eugene John Remian
 Richard Leon Renaud
 Mario Joseph Ruzzoli
 Chester Joseph Ruzzoli
 *Agnes Anne Stevens
 Joseph Theodoss
 Howard Anson Thompson
 Sophie Tsoules
 Richard Paul Wagner
 David Bruce Whittemore
 Dorothy Christine Wiessner
 *Annie Dorothy Young

* General average of 80% or above for four years.

In the preparation of this report, each department has submitted a report of its work, and I have drawn freely upon this material. I wish to take this opportunity to express my

appreciation to each and every teacher who has submitted material to make this report a comprehensive study of the high school offerings.

This year I plan to depart from the regular report and dwell upon our wartime curriculum. Since pupils are on a one-session day, half of our enrollment is taking active part in the all-out war production effort. In fact, two hundred of our students who are sixteen years old and over are employed by local industries between the hours of one and five daily.

Much has already been accomplished in the Mary E. Wells High School to mobilize students for war-related preparation and service. Some of the objectives of this wartime program are as follows:

Guidance into Critical War Services and Occupations.—The guidance directors have given much time and thought to this problem. Individual conferences with pupils have ironed out many difficulties, and we are trying to place the pupils in the positions for which they are best fitted.

Periodically, the Mary E. Wells High School engages in a program of testing, and as most of the class "A" high schools also participate in these testing programs, a comparison can be made with other leading class "A" high schools throughout the nation.

These tests are valuable for the following reasons:

1. They may be employed for the diagnosis of individual pupil difficulties.
2. They may be used as a means of comparing our own local achievements in any subject with those of other representative secondary schools in all parts of the United States.

The following figures will show actual results in a number of individual tests.

ALGEBRA II

Cooperative Achievement Test

Mary E. Wells	90%
Average *****=2%	88
National	86
High School	84
Average # # # # # # =2%	82
	80
	78
	76
	74
	72
*****	70
*****	68
*****	66
*****	64
*****	62
*****	60
*****	58
*****	56
*****	54
*****	52
# # # # # # *****	50
# # # # # # *****	48
# # # # # # *****	46
# # # # # # *****	44
# # # # # # *****	42
# # # # # # *****	40
# # # # # # *****	38
# # # # # # *****	36
# # # # # # *****	34
# # # # # # *****	32
# # # # # # *****	30

Average Pupil
Percentile Score

4,000 Pupils

GEOMETRY

Cooperative Achievement Test

Mary E. Wells	90%
Average *****=2%	88
***=1%	86
National	84
High School	82
Average #####=2%	80
###=1%	78
	76
***	74
*****	72
*****	70
*****	68
*****	66
*****	64
*****	62
*****	60
*****	58
*****	56
*****	54
*****	52
#####	50
#####	48
#####	46
#####	44
#####	42
#####	40
#####	38
#####	36
#####	34
#####	32
#####	30

Average Pupil
Percentile Score

9,000 Pupils

GENERAL SCIENCE

Cooperative Achievement Test

Mary E. Wells	90%
Average *****=2%	88
***=1%	86
National	84
High School	82
Average #####=2%	80
###=1%	78
*****	76
*****	74
*****	72
*****	70
*****	68
*****	66
*****	64
*****	62
*****	60
*****	58
*****	56
*****	54
*****	52
#####	50
#####	48
#####	46
#####	44
#####	42
#####	40
#####	38
#####	36
#####	34
#####	32
#####	30
Average Pupil	
Percentile Score	

17,000 Pupils

CHEMISTRY

Cooperative Achievement Test

Mary E. Wells		90%
Average	*****=2%	88
	***=1%	86
National	*****	84
High School	*****	82
Average	# # # # # # =2%	80
	# # # =1%	78
	*****	76
	*****	74
	*****	72
	*****	70
	*****	68
	*****	66
	*****	64
	*****	62
	*****	60
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	*****	56
	*****	54
	*****	52
	# # # # # # *****	50
	# # # # # # *****	48
	# # # # # # *****	46
	# # # # # # *****	44
	# # # # # # *****	42
	# # # # # # *****	40
	# # # # # # *****	38
	# # # # # # *****	36
	# # # # # # *****	34
	# # # # # # *****	32
	# # # # # # *****	30
Average Pupil		
Percentile Score		

7,000 Pupils

PHYSICS

Cooperative Achievement Test

Mary E. Wells		90%
Average	*****=2%	88
	***=1%	86
National	****	84
High School	*****	82
Average	*****	80
	*****	78
	*****	76
	*****	74
	*****	72
	*****	70
	*****	68
	*****	66
	*****	64
	*****	62
	*****	60
	*****	58
	*****	56
	*****	54
	*****	52
#####	*****	50
#####	*****	48
#####	*****	46
#####	*****	44
#####	*****	42
#####	*****	40
#####	*****	38
#####	*****	36
#####	*****	34
#####	*****	32
#####	*****	30
Average Pupil		
Percentile Score		

5,000 Pupils

Factual Relations		Raw Scores
in		70
U. S. History		68
		66
		64
		62
Mary E. Wells		60
Average *****=2%		58
***=1%		56
	***	54
	*****	52
	*****	50
National	*****	48
High School	*****	46
Average #####=2%	*****	44
###=1%	*****	42
	#####	40
	#####	38
	#####	36
	#####	34
	#####	32
	#####	30
	#####	28
	#####	26
	#####	24

Raw Scores
70

68
66
64
62
60
58
56

*****	54
*****	52
*****	50
*****	48
*****	46
*****	44
*****	42
*****	40
*****	38
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*****	34
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*****	30
*****	28
*****	26
*****	24

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LATIN Cooperative Achievement Tests Two Semesters

	Reading	Grammar	Vocabulary	Total	T. Scores
				*-----	51
				*-----	50
				*-----	49
				*-----	48
				*-----	47
				*-----	46
				*-----	45
				*-----	44
				*-----	43
				*-----	42
				*-----	41
				*-----	40
				*-----	39
				*-----	38
				*-----	37
				*-----	36
				*-----	35
				*-----	34
				*-----	33
				*-----	32
				#*-----	31
				#*-----	30
				#*-----	29
				#*-----	28
			*	#*-----	27
			*	#*-----	26
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			*	#*-----	17
			#*	#*-----	16
			#*	#*-----	15
	*		#*	#*-----	14
	*		#*	#*-----	13
	*		#*	#*-----	12
	*		#*	#*-----	11
	*	*	#*	#*-----	10
	#*	*	#*	#*-----	9
	#*	*	#*	#*-----	8
	#*	*	#*	#*-----	7
	#*	#*	#*	#*-----	6
	#*	#*	#*	#*-----	5

Mary E. Wells
Average *—1%

Massachusetts
High Schools
Average #—1%

The following quotations are from letters received from the statistician of the Cooperative Test Service of the American Council on Education:

"As you can see from the table, all classes are considerably above average."

"You can see from the tables that your English students are considerably above average in vocabulary, literary acquaintance, literary comprehension and usage."

"The average student in Intermediate Algebra is superior to 70% of the students in representative public secondary schools."

"The students in Plane Geometry are a superior group and the average student ranks above 74% of the national group."

"The students in Physics have scores which vary from the 29th to the 97th percentile, with the average score falling in the 75th percentile."

The results of these and other tests administered to the Mary E. Wells High School pupils have greatly aided our guidance officers in recommending colleges.

During the past five years, we have had pupils admitted to the following colleges and universities:

Bates College
Boston University
Carnegie Polytechnic Institute
Connecticut College
Holy Cross College
Jackson College
Lowell Textile School
Massachusetts State College
New Jersey College for Women

Becker College
Bucknell University
Clark University
Harvard University
Hunter College
LaSalle Junior College
University of Maine
New Hampshire University

Norwich University	Northeastern University
Pennsylvania State College of Optometry	Springfield College
St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan	Pembroke College
Smith College	Rensselaer
State Teachers Colleges:	Skidmore College
Bridgewater and Worcester	Stoneleigh College
Tufts College	Wellesley College
Weslyan University	Wheaton College
	Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Wartime Citizenship. I can truthfully say that this topic is stressed by every department of the high school. More than ever before is it necessary for the student to understand the principles which underlie the American way of life. Our Social Studies and English departments have particularly dwelled on this theme. The Social Studies department with its wide range of courses emphasizes this aim and disproves the "isms" of Europe. The teachers have made, through a daily study of current events, the names of Guadalcanal and Tunisia as familiar as those of New York and San Francisco. Perhaps such intimate knowledge of the far-flung places of the world will turn war citizenship into lasting peace-time citizenship.

The English department, too, has attempted to translate this aim into everyday living. The faculty has employed word study to increase vocabulary; grammar drill to facilitate ease in written expression; reading, for understanding. Such drills pave the way for common communication and understanding of written essentials.

Physical Fitness. Our athletic program, curtailed because of lack of manpower and transportation difficulties, continues its work with the ever-present aim of physical fitness. Intramural sports may have to replace scheduled events with other schools in the future, but the department will do all in its

power to maintain a beneficial program. Relative to this program I have spoken more in my recommendations which follow later.

Competence in Science and Mathematics. Both of these departments have lengthened the time spent in their classes. There has been a request from army sources for increased skill in General Science, Physics, and Mathematics. As a result, more emphasis has been placed on these subjects this year. Inasmuch as the majority of high school boys will be drawn into the armed forces within the next few years, it is recommended that each boy obtain training in one or all of these subjects. Accuracy and precision are demanded by the army; accuracy and precision are demanded by these subjects.

Preflight Training in Aeronautics. This course was started as a direct request from army sources.

Community Services. I believe that few of the townspeople realize just how much the pupils of the high school are doing for the community war effort. Here I shall include four reports.

1. The high school has sponsored the sale of stamps and bonds.

Total War Stamps and Bonds bought in Oct.	\$336.10
Total War Stamps and Bonds bought in Nov.	504.40
Total War Stamps and Bonds bought in Dec.	755.10
Total	<u>\$1,595.60</u>

The Minute Man Flag was won by the students and teachers of the Mary E. Wells High School in November, 1942. This was done by the purchase of stamps and bonds by 90% or over of the students. The flag was held throughout the month of December. The Student Council deserves credit for

this splendid achievement and is making every effort to retain the Minute Man Flag in the coming months. Southbridge was one of the first schools in the state to win the Minute Man Flag.

2. **Junior Red Cross.** Our High School has been very generous in its response to Junior Red Cross. After the usual enrollment fee was sent to Washington, there was left a service fund with which Junior Red Cross materials were bought.

We are members of the Worcester County Council from which source we get our requests for service.

There are many aspects to Junior Red Cross work. Sewing, knitting, and collecting books and magazines for the soldiers in camps and hospitals are part of the activities.

Children's hospitals ask for cloth toys and scrap books. The hospitals at Devens and Rutland request scrap books of political and social cartoons to amuse the sick soldiers there. Many fine books of this kind have been completed.

The Art classes have contributed tray favors and menu covers. Shells were donated and painted by the Art pupils to be used as ash trays.

Games and jig-saw puzzles are being collected to replenish stock at camps and hospitals.

This year we are undertaking work at our own hospital and Town Infirmary, offering entertainment to the sick and those who are shut-ins.

Noteworthy in our Junior Red Cross endeavors are: Collecting scrap and keys; assisting in various ways the Canteen corps in the Blood Bank; aiding during ration periods as typists and messengers; working at the Control Center and Observation Tower; acting as wardens; working on surgical

dressings at Headquarters; assisting many committees in various civilian defense programs; helping our nation in the sale of stamps and bonds.

We hope to continue along these same lines remembering the motto of Junior Red Cross—"Service for Others."

Glee Club. This year the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs have combined, and an opportunity is thus given for the singing of three- and four-part songs. In addition to the enjoyment obtained from learning many songs, the technique of singing is also studied. A vested choir from the club sang at a Rotary luncheon and another one at the Harrington Memorial Hospital. Several soloists and groups from the club have sung at assemblies, and other engagements will be filled later in the year.

Work of the Commercial Department. The pupils of the Commercial Department have had many fine opportunities to cooperate with various groups engaged in Civilian Defense Work. That so many were willing to give up both school time and hours of leisure after school and Saturdays, without remuneration, is most gratifying.

Typing, filing, and machine practice classes have done and are doing such work as typewriting, mimeographing, filing, recording, envelope addressing, and mimeoscoping. That we have such splendid equipment is a factor which made this work possible.

Agencies with which classes cooperated are: Air-Raid Precaution classes, Civilian Defense, Evacuation Committee, Ration Board (gasoline, oil, and sugar rationing), Red Cross, Report Center, Canteen, and others of which no records were made. Taken on a weekly average, a total of more than 180 hours were devoted to this work by thirty or more pupils.

Our typewriting classes are very large. Typewriting is elected not only by commercials of whom it is required, but also by a number of college and general course pupils. The

latter two groups are limited because of an insufficient number of typewriters. Despite this, nine machines will be sold to the Government to answer the war emergency. This will require readjustments in our typewriting classes.

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Despite this wartime routine we have tried to preserve our normal requirements as far as possible. We still have our club activities, traffic squad, and safety committee. We have a Reader's Guild devoted to securing a school library, and to date they have collected fifty volumes. In this time of war, it behooves every one of us to realize that the school systems of America are the best safeguards of the American way of living. Mary E. Wells High School stands ready to make all readjustments necessary for this privilege and asks for continued support of the citizens of Southbridge.

Following are my recommendations for the year:

1. That a physical fitness program be installed to increase the bodily vigor of youth. This program should include both boys and girls.
2. That military drill be required of all physically fit boys who are sixteen years of age or older. This drill should be conducted by a regular army, navy, or marine officer trained in physical education.

I express my appreciation to Mr. Channing H. Greene, Superintendent of Schools, to each and every member of the School Committee, and to the taxpayers of the town of Southbridge for this opportunity to present my report on the Mary E. Wells High School, and for their continued support of the educational policies of the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON

Principal

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

COLE TRADE SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith present my annual report for the fiscal year 1942 covering all activities of the Cole Trade School.

The influence of the War presented a major problem of maintaining our cooperative services with local industries. The attraction of big wages and enlistments in the armed services was cause for 140 young men who were partly or fully trained for the major crafts to sever their connections with this school. Due to the available supply of trainees in the General Vocational Department, we have been able to replace the graduates, enlistments, and drop-outs, to sixty percent of normal capacity. We now have a potential replacement force to bring our cooperative service up to full capacity by next June.

STUDENT STATISTICS

	Coop.	Day	Total
In school at end of year	67	132	199
Graduated	43		43
Certified	1		1
Entering industry trained for	26	12	38
Entering other occupations	20	60	80
Entering armed service	13	1	14
Unfit for trade subjects		4	4
Returned to Grammar or High School	1	17	18
Left because of illness		3	3
Left town	2	2	4
Transferred to Coop. School		53	53
Total membership for year 1942	175	284	459
Enrolled during year	53	176	229

GRADUATES

Machinists

Herbert Charles Barnes	Walter Francis Kokocinski
Roger Paul Belleville	Richard Edmund Pickarski
Frederick Leo Blythe	Basil Weston Prince
George Francis Bundeff	Edward Robert Quigley
Robert Lewis Butterworth	Wallace Arthur Rockwood
John Stanley Ciuchta	Emile Charles Roulier
Eugene Ernest Galipeau	John Joseph Rzeszutko
Donald William Hutchinson	Alfred Joseph Tiberii
Themistocli Ziu	

Cabinet

Mitchell James Szydlak	Mathew Joseph Ziemba
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Printers

Leslie Joel Priest	Richard Gordon Woodbury
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Drafting

Joseph Michael Czyzewski	Verick Charles Hmay
Philip Michael DeAngelis	Charles John Tanionos

Factory Maintenance

Nickolas Antonio Apostola	John Joseph Lupa
Kristie Andrew Christo	Edward Maly
Walter Ciesla	John Joseph Mangan
Roland Claud Fontaine	Romeo Ozeas Peck
Murdock Fortune	Carmine Joseph Petrillo
Marion Walter Kulis	Pandeli Rutcho
George Leo LaCroix	Joseph Stanley Travinski
Nick Vangel	

Painting - Decorating

Roland William Desaulniers	Verick Peter Kopacz
Armand Rene Lavallee	

GENERAL VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The shops of the General Vocational Department were moved to the Mechanic Street School, which was remodeled last summer to accommodate shop classes. Two machine, one woodworking, and one sheet metal shop are well equipped and will accommodate 150 students on an alternating-week schedule. Related and Academic classes are conducted in the High School building.

REBUILT MACHINE TOOLS

Enough old equipment has been overhauled and motorized with individual motors to equip two machine shops. One half of this equipment was replaced by new machines sent here by the United States Government for the training of men and women for war work. Other machines were picked up as junk and put into service again. The school shops made the patterns and parts. This rebuilt equipment is now installed in the Mechanic Street School.

EVENING TRADE EXTENSION

The usual Evening Trade Extension classes served new rather than old employees, which had been customary. This was due to the long working hours of all mechanics. The following classes were conducted:

Cabinet	4
Mathematics	43
Architectural Drafting	21
Machine	60

NATIONAL DEFENSE TRAINING

A strenuous training of adults for war industries was conducted under two headings: Supplementary and Pre-Employment. The first program served to give employed men and women a better knowledge and more skill to apply to their

job. The second program served a large group of men and women still on W. P. A., and another group who were working on jobs considered directly unessential to the war effort.

All courses were first approved by the local School Board; second, by the local Advisory Committee; third, by the Administrative Council; fourth, by the State Department of Education, and fifth, by the Federal Office of Education.

The total cost of these two programs for operation in Southbridge is \$31,920.25. All of this fund came from a war appropriation for distribution to localities by the State Office of Education. Other statistics follow:

STATISTICAL REPORT

January 1, 1942—December 31, 1942

Pre-Employment

Number Enrolled	179
Completing Course	95
Number W. P. A.	121
Number Placed	84
Female	34

Supplementary

Number Enrolled	288
Female	26

Productivity Report

Material furnished by school	\$ 87.85
Material furnished by customer	2,936.35
Value of labor	3,875.91
Market value of product	9,630.88
Cash received from work and products	53.42

Equivalent in equipment	2,250.71
Values created for school	83.00
Customer furnishes material	2,936.35
No charge for material furnished by school	9.00
No charge for labor overhead or profit	4,298.40
Total tangible productivity	9,630.88

Subjects

Supplementary:	Machine Shop Practice
Blueprint Reading	Pre-Employment:
Machine Drawing	Machine Tool Operation
Gas and Electric Welding	

1943 Graduates

I estimate that 21 students will be eligible for graduation provided they will be permitted to remain in school until July 1. However, all of this group and several more are eligible for induction into the armed forces.

I recommend an early graduation.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK H. MORRELL, Director

Cole Trade School

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CONTINUATION SCHOOL

To Superintendent of Schools:

The total enrollment of the Continuation School for the year ending June 25, 1942 was twenty-one. Of this number, four girls were 14 to 15 years of age, and seventeen were between 15 and 16 years of age.

Classes met on Wednesday from one o'clock till five. The first half of the session was devoted to Household Arts and the second half to Academic Subjects.

Under the direction of Miss Barbara Hall, the Household Arts Classes included foods and clothing.

As the girls are engaged only as mothers' helpers in their own homes, we tried to help them to become more efficient and practical in their share of the housework and homemaking.

In Clothing Classes, they were taught to use commercial patterns and to do simple sewing in the construction of clothing for themselves and for younger children. Through the pleasure and satisfaction derived from the making of a suitable garment, the girl learns to appreciate the value of home-made clothes which she sees are practical and thrifty.

Elementary principles of cooking were taught in the Foods Classes where the girls studied food values and prepared breakfast and luncheon dishes.

Because the girls who come to Continuation School came from grades varying from all levels of preparation to one year in High School, the work done by the girls as individual students necessitates assignments on the basis of individual ability.

In English, we aim to help the girl to improve in oral and written self-expression through spelling, letter writing, and drills in corrective exercises. Guidance in the selection of magazines and books for leisure reading may prove of lasting value both for information and pleasure to be derived.

Arithmetic is applied to meet the everyday needs of the individual by use of drills and practical problems.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA B. DESMARAIS

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report deals with the health work done in the public schools during the past year.

We were particularly free from serious illness during the year. There were a few cases of scarlet fever, but none were serious. During the time of the outbreak of the disease, a close watch was kept on all pupils. Homes of all absentees were visited, and investigated for possible concealed cases. Only one case was found.

VACCINATION

At the opening of school in September, a check-up of children who had entered school for the first time, as well as of newcomers in the upper grades, revealed that all had complied with the State law in regard to vaccination.

EYE TESTS

Eye tests were given by the teachers, who used the Snellen Chart. Although tests given by this method are not always accurate, defects of vision can be detected, and parents, unaware of such condition in many instances, are glad to be notified. As a rule, an oculist is consulted and correction is made when parents are contacted.

AUDIOMETER

Hearing tests were given with the audiometer to all pupils above the first grade, and when a hearing loss was found, the same procedure used in the eye test followed. Parents were notified and advised to seek professional advice. Hardened wax in the ear is sometimes the cause of a hearing loss. Twenty-

seven pupils were found to have a loss, according to our instrument. The following report shows the figures:

Mary E. Wells	10	Marcy Street	2
Eastford Road	4	Charlton Street	4
West Street	4	River Street	3

PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS

On June 3, a registration day was held in the Board of Health rooms in the Town Hall building. Parents were invited to bring children, who were of age to enter school in September, and have them registered for entrance. One hundred and sixty-seven reported. One week later, two days were given to physical and dental examinations. One hundred and forty reported. Of this number, fifty were found free from physical defects. The School Physician, Dr. Langevin, conducted the physical examinations. Dr. Desmarais and Dr. DeGrenier conducted the dental examinations. The Board of Health and the School Nurse assisted with the examinations.

Splendid co-operation, on the part of the parents, found most of the children ready for school, free from physical defects.

FIRST AID

First aid is given to all children, when injured in the school, or on the school grounds, but no follow-up work is done. Advice is given, and consultation of the family physician is recommended in all cases.

ILL CHILDREN

Pupils becoming ill in school, are, in most cases, transported home. When both parents have outside employment, these children present quite a problem. It is not always possible to find a good neighbor to care for them until the parents return home. The prospect of more difficulty seems imminent.

AIR-RAID PRECAUTION

Under the direction of Mr. Freeman of the River Street School, first-aid boxes were made. These boxes were equipped with first-aid material and placed in the schools, to be used in an emergency.

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The sanitary condition of the schools is good. It is a pleasure to report janitors co-operative at all times.

Dental Clinics and Toxoid Clinics were held, as usual, in co-operation with the Board of Health.

Through the funds, raised by the sale of health seals, four girls were able to spend July and August at Sterling Health Camp. They all gained weight and received valuable instruction in many ways.

Several requests were made for outgrown clothing. The response was heartening, and the spirit of co-operation splendid.

A class in Home Nursing and Care of the Sick is about to be organized. This course will be open to the girls in the Household Arts Department and will be given under the auspices of the Red Cross.

At this time, I wish to thank all who have helped in any way to make our Health Program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED V. KING, R. N.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The annual report of the Attendance Supervisor is hereby presented.

REGISTRATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	387
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,727
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	438
Number of pupils investigated for absences due to illness, truancy, lack of clothing, contagious diseases, or other reasons	519
Cases investigated for home permits	27
Cases of persistent tardiness	19
Cases of children working unlawfully	16
Follow-up and friendly visits	35
Number of children assisted with shoes and clothing	—
Number of children adjusted in their school work	8
Number of children for whom employment was obtained	13
Number of employment certificates 16-21 literate	1,321
Number of employment certificates 16-21 illiterate	29
Employment between 14-16	50
Home permits	11
News boys' badges and street trade	124

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

REPORT OF VISUAL-AIDS DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

During the past year, the Visual-Aids Department has again extended its facilities to a greater variety of worth-while purposes. In fact, during the past year, we have assisted the following:

1. Teachers and children in their regular school work
2. The Evening School Courses
3. The Continuation School
4. The University Extension Courses
5. The Air-Raid Precaution Schools
6. Civic organizations and others

In addition, we have adapted ourselves to the war situation by showing war films, especially to High School groups.

In 1942, a total of 32,675 pupils saw 114 different educational motion pictures in 439 showings.

The following tabulation gives a more detailed account of the work done in our public schools during the past year:

MOTION PICTURES

Title	No. Seeing Each Film
Men of the Coast Guard	450
Hot-Air Heating	220
Distributing Heat Energy	220
Central America	445
Mexico	445
Heart and Circulation	155
The Blood	155
Japs Bomb U. S. A.	230
America's Call to Arms	230
Mechanisms of Breathing	155
The Nervous System	145

A New Day	130
Hidden Enemies	275
Digestion of foods	120
Digestion	120
Fittings	75
Safeguarding the Speechways	75
Muscles	145
Abraham Lincoln	605
How Teeth Grow	170
Care of the Teeth	170
George Washington's Virginia	615
Fundamentals of Acoustics	90
General Repairs	105
Close-ups	105
Botany Clothes the Nation	115
Young America Paints	115
Ninth Inning	210
Happily Ever After	130
What Shall I Wear	130
Alaska's Silver Millions	615
It's the Little Things that Count	110
The Skin	150
Dover Front Line	625
War and Order	625
White Battle Front	410
Recalled to Life	105
Development of Transportation	565
America Builds Ships	565
Incendiary Bombs	1,175
Illumination	25
Behavior of Light	25
Southbridge Finishing Co.	680
Velocity of Chemical Reactions	15
Design for Power	105
Battle of London	825
London Fire Raid	825
Marching with Old Glory	595

Air Raid in London	595
Choosing your Vocation	235
Arts and Crafts of Mexico	235
Microscopic Animal Life	85
Spiders	120
Proof of the Pudding	35
Glass Blowing	65
Undersea Life	120
Development of a Bird Embryo	65
Refining Crude Oil	225
Tuberculosis	155
Posture	65
Energy from Sunlight	180
Wonderworld of Chemistry	35
Along the Great Silk Route	295
Come Out of the Kitchen	65
Our Government	275
First-Aid	310
Home Nursing	310
Historical Introduction to Chemistry	40
Atmosphere Pressure	130
Compressed Air	130
Oxidation and Reduction	175
Sewage Disposal	130
Meat and Romance	495
For America We Save	215
Purifying Water	200
Alaska's Silver Millions	70
The Beneficent Reprobate	70
Big League Baseball	70
It's Up to Us	70
The Warning	315
London Night	315
Men Make the Navy, Navy Makes Men	4,355
Life in the Navy	4,355
Recalled to Life	160
Goals for Gold and Glory	70

Anti-Freeze	70
Managing Family Income	40
Fighting the Fire Bomb	510
Where Mileage Begins	110
Development of Transportation	140
Four Stroke Cycle Gas Engine	140
Speedway Tested	75
Championship Basketball	75
Energy and its Transformations	125
Simple Machines	90
Science Saves the Surface	70
The Iceman Hockey	70
Distributing Heat Energy	110
Hot Air Heating	110
Sound Waves and Their Sources	120
Fundamentals of Acoustics	120
A Family Affair	75
A Romance of Industry	75
The Brass Choir	135
The Percussion Group	135
The String Choir	135
The Woodwind Choir	135
Safety	70
British Commandos in Action	40
War in China	40
Illumination	110
Behavior of Light	110
Lenses	110
Our Neighbors Down the Road	75
Total	32,675

Motion Picture		Exhibits and Literature	
Teacher	Showing		
Miss Aucoin	1	Mr. Kyrios	3
Mrs. Beauregard	2	Mr. Lataille	5
Miss Birtz	1	Total	8
Miss Brodeur	2		
Miss Corbin	4		Lantern Slides
Mr. Dion	68	Mr. Dion	50
Miss Drake	12	Mrs. Genereux	25
Mr. Earls	6	Mr. Kyrios	25
Mrs. Genereux	2	Total	100
Miss Hall	4		Filmstrips
Miss Howe	1	Mr. Dion	15
Miss Lanphear	2	Mrs. Genereux	6
Mr. Lataille	49	Mr. Kyrios	11
Mrs. Leclair	6	Mr. Lataille	24
Mr. McMahon	11	Miss Roper	6
Miss Norton	2	Total	62
Miss Roper	32		
Mr. Sperandio	22		Mounted Pictures
Miss Tait	7	Mr. Dion	175
Mr. Tardiff	1	Mr. Kyrios	33
Miss Vannah	9	Mr. Lataille	38
Mr. Kyrios	51	Total	246
Total	295		
			Metronoscope Rolls
		Miss Roper	11

CHARLTON ST. SCHOOL

Exhibits and Literature		Filmstrips	
		Miss Callahan	16
Miss Callahan	6	Miss Claflin	5
Mr. Potter	3	Mr. Potter	11
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Total	9	Total	32

Lantern Slides		Mounted Pictures	
Miss Callahan	50	Miss Callahan	362
Miss Claflin	50	Mr. Potter	42
Mr. Potter	75		
	<hr/>	Total	<hr/>
Total	175		404

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Exhibits and Literature		Metronoscope Rolls	
Miss Gough	3	Miss Foley	3
		Miss Morrill	4
		Miss Sampson	9
Mounted Pictures			
Miss Butler	36		
Miss Thompson	17	Total	16

Total	53		Lantern Slides
		Miss Sampson	75
	Filmstrips	Miss Thompson	25
Mr. Bingley	8		—
Miss Gough	3	Total	100
Miss Morrill	2		
Miss Thompson	4		
	—		
Total	17		

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Exhibits and Literature		Filmstrips	
Miss Desmarais	2	Miss Desmarais	14
Mrs. Campbell	5	Mrs. Campbell	7
Mrs. Cook	2	Mrs. Chapman	6
	—	Mrs. Cook	13
Total	9	Miss L'Ecuyer	5
		Total	45
Lantern Slides		Mounted Pictures	
Mrs. Campbell	125	Mrs. Campbell	65
Mrs. Cook	125	Mrs. Chapman	17
Miss L'Ecuyer	75	Mrs. Cook	13
	—	Miss L'Ecuyer	21
Total	325	Total	116

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

Exhibits and Literature		Metronoscope Rolls	
Miss Sousa	2	Miss Randall	14
		Miss Sousa	2
		Total	16
Filmstrips			
Miss Sousa	3		
Lantern Slides			
Miss Randall	25		

WEST STREET SCHOOL

Exhibits and Literature		Filmstrips	
Miss Carey	2	Mrs. Beaudreau	8
		Miss Brodeur	2
		Miss Carey	3
		Mrs. Potter	4
Lantern Slides			—
Mrs. Beaudreau	100	Total	17
Mrs. Potter	75		
	—	Mounted Pictures	
Total	175	Mrs. Potter	99
		Metronoscope Rolls	
		Miss Brodeur	68

SUMMARY

Motion Pictures	114	Metronoscope Rolls	111
Motion Picture Showings	439	Lantern Slides	850
Exhibits and Literature	38	Filmstrips	173
Mounted Pictures	908		

NUMBER OF FILMS SHOWN IN EACH SCHOOL

High School	43	Girls' Club	2
Charlton St.	2	River St. M. A.	11
Eastford Rd.	2	General Vocational	44
Marcy St.	4	Air-Raid Precaution	27
River St.	2	Charlton, Mass.	2
West St.	2	Sturbridge, Mass.	2
Continuation	3		

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is a source of comfort and satisfaction to be able to report that the general health of our public school population is at a very satisfactory level. Every effort is being made to maintain a high standard of health throughout the schools. To this end, individual physical examination of each child was carried out through the first six grades of the elementary schools. In the seventh and eighth grades, our examinations concerned the boys only, as is the case in High School. The girls in the upper grades and in High School are examined by a woman physician. The more serious defects noted in the course of these examinations were reported, in writing, to the parents of the children concerned. Prompt correction was urged in the physical interest of the child. To each child, individually, particular stress was laid on the importance to their health of meticulous dental hygiene and good posture.

Our work also included certification to the fitness of children to return to school after absence for three days or more on account of illness. One hour daily is set aside for the express purpose of examining these children at our office. In this connection, we wish to extend a word of special commendation to the teachers for their scrupulous insistence that each child, after such absence, have a certificate from a physician, thus ensuring protection of the other children from possible dangerous contagion.

It is with gratification that we report that emergency calls to the schools for accidents occurring on the premises were very few, and the accidents were generally of a slight nature—a tribute indeed to the diligent supervision of the

children by the teachers. In the handling of such accidents, it is our policy, in conformity with instructions from the Superintendent, to render first-aid only and then the child is referred to the family physician for care.

Periodic sanitary inspection of the school buildings has shown, consistently, good hygienic conditions in all the schools. Both teachers and janitors show diligent care in the protection and promotion of the good health of our children.

In our work, we acknowledge most gracious and untiring assistance from our School Nurse, Miss King, who in spite of her many duties has been ever ready to facilitate the carrying out of our duties. This is our opportunity to express our appreciation to the School Committee, the Superintendent, Teachers, and Janitors for their gracious help to us in the course of 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM LANGEVIN, M. D.

School Physician

REPORT OF PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

For the third successive summer, the Town in annual Town Meeting, voted to establish and maintain public playgrounds under the control of the School Committee, and to raise and appropriate from the tax levy the sum of \$2,420.

As in previous years, playgrounds were operated at the Dresser Street grounds and at the River Street, West Street, Eastford Road, and Charlton Street schools.

The playground season began on July 13 and ended on August 21. There was a total attendance of 1,196 pupils. To take care of this number, there were five supervisors and twenty-three assistants. Playgrounds were under the general direction of the Superintendent of Schools.

The high light of the season came at the track meet on Dresser Street grounds in which playground champions from all playgrounds competed. The day program was divided between ball games for the older boys, field games for the younger boys, and arts and crafts for all ages of girls.

The Visual Aids Department furnished movies to each playground at least one day a week.

It is the feeling of the School Committee that these playgrounds are serving a real purpose and merit the continued support of the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST BOYER

Secretary, Playground Committee

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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE



Year Ending December 31,
1943

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1943

TREASURER -- Norbert C. Benoit

CLERK -- Clare P. Boyer

SELECTMEN

Leo J. Cournoyer

Napoleon J. Blanchard

Wesley K. Cole

PUBLIC WELFARE

Ovide Derosier

1944

Hermas Lippe

1945

Marie Lariviere

1946

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Ovide Derosier, Chairman

Hermas Lippe, Clerk

Marie Lariviere

H.H. Michon, Supervisor

ASSESSORS

Charles Normandin -- 1944

Joseph T. Gervais -- 1945

Joseph Lafleche -- 1946

BOARD OF HEALTH

Hervey L. Desmarais, D.D.S.

1944

William E. Langevin, M.D.

1945

Ralph Racicot, D.D.S.

1946

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Louis G. Dionne -- 1944

George Lafleche -- 1945

Alfred Beaulieu -- 1946

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Leopold Lemmelin -- 1944

C. McGregory Wells -- 1944

Arthur A. Roy -- 1945

James C. Murphy -- 1945

Oswald Meunier -- 1946

Leo J. Cournoyer

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ernest G. Boyer -- 1944 - Resigned -- George M. Metras, appointed to
Nestor Pontbriand -- 1944 finish term.
Arthur Gaumond -- 1945 Joseph S. Normand -- 1945
Hector M. LeClair -- 1946 John E. Farland -- 1946

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

George W. Dumas -- 1944 Wardwell M. Edwards -- 1945
Daniel T. Morrill -- 1946

CONSTABLES

Ulric Brault Bernard E. Richard
Joseph Paquin

TAX COLLECTOR -- Mederic Buhamel -- 1945

PLANNING BOARD

Emile Fournier -- 1944 Arthur Cabana -- 1945
Raoul A. Bail -- 1946 Arthur B. Laperle -- 1947
J. George Page -- 1948

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Bernard Allard -- 1944 Pierre Benoit -- 1945
George N. Lafleche -- 1946

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Norman LeBlanc -- 1944 Hector M. LeClair -- 1945
George Silk -- 1946

MODERATOR -- Valmore P. Tetreault -- 1944

TREE WARDEN -- Wilbur Wilson -- 1944

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUND

Ovila A. Proulx -- 1944 Raymond Varin -- 1945
Ernest J. Lavallee -- 1946

APPOINTED OFFICERS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT -- Joseph E. Derosier -- 1945

ASST. CLERK SELECTMEN)
SOLDIERS RELIEF AGENT)

Edward E. LeClair

TOWN COUNSEL -- Rosario S. Normandin

TOWN ENGINEER -- John G. Clarke

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS -- Channing H. Greene

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK -- Fred J. Locke -- Deceased
John Hampson -- Resigned
John Ferguson

GAME WARDEN -- Alfred Lariviere

POUND KEEPER -- Paul Beauregard

KEEPER OF LOCK-UP -- Ulric Brault
Jacob S. Gouin

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL -- Olivier Proulx

ANIMAL INSPECTOR)
PLUMBING INSPECTOR)
MILK INSPECTOR)

Joseph A. Chagnon

BUILDING INSPECTOR -- Armand DeAngelis

WIRE INSPECTOR -- Emery Lavallee -- Resigned
George L. Despres

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

G. Rudolphe Lariviere

LIBRARY TRUSTEES -- FOR THE TOWN

Jacob K. Edwards -- 1944

Oswald J. Laliberte -- 1945

Dr. Neiro Ploppi -- 1946

FOR THE FUND

Mrs. Hamilton K. Smith
Arthur Kay

George B. Wells
William W. Crawford

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

John J. O'Shaughnessy, Sr. -- 1944
Joseph L. Berthiaume, -- 1946

Seaver M. Rice -- 1945
Clare P. Boyer

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT -- Wilbur Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oswald Meunier, Chief
George W. Laughnane, Deputy Chief
Henry Lavoie, Asst. Deputy Chief
James C. Sangren, Supt. of Fire Alarm

FIRE WARDEN -- Oswald Meunier

DEPUTIES

Arthur Caouette

Albert Servant

Edmond Bellerose

Henry Lavoie Joseph Mandville

Dan Daniels

Thomas Burke

Romeo Lippe

FENCE VIEWERS

Edmund Ryan
John Serletto

Armand Bonin
Etienne Bachand

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas L. Hughes
Ralph McKinstry

John J. Hogan
Raymond McKinstry

George A. Alley
Royce Fitzpatrick

FIELD DRIVERS

Ulric Brault

Alfred E. Lariviere

Ovila Martin

SOLDIERS BURIAL OFFICERS

Joseph Congdon

Richard Aucoin

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

George A. Alley	Thomas Hughes	Irene Hughes
Basil J. Proulx, Jr.		Wardwell M. Edwards
Jacob K. Edwards	Raymond McKinstry	Ralph McKinstry
Herman Staves		Mafalda Comstock
Elmira G. Patterson		Beatrice Homicz
	Royce Fitzpatrick	

ATTENDANCE OFFICER -- Raoul Lataille

FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. Edouard Demers - 1944	Alva Hyde - 1944
Gedeon Gregoire - 1944	Hector LeClair, Jr. - 1944
	Arthur E. Proulx - 1944
Ernest Coderre - 1945	Anthony Deterando - 1945
Peter Graf - 1945	David E. Hobson - 1945
	Oswald J. Laliberte - 1945
Myron B. Clemence - 1946	John B. Dragon, Sr. - 1946
Joseph V. Flood - 1946	Omer L. Perron - 1946
	Raymond F. Haling - 1946

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM -- G. Rudolph Lariviere

DOG OFFICER -- Albert Lamarine

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

W. W. Crawford

Emile Martin

Charles Normandin

JURY LIST--1943-1944

Name----Occupation	Address
Allard, Roland A. J. - Bus Driver	327 Hamilton St.
Allard, Ernest G. - Plumber	83 Elm St.
Agard, Charles - H.M.Co.	11 Lyons St.
Arpin, Armand,- Checker	116 Plympton St.
Aucoin, Richard A. - Clerk	419 Main St.
Bachand, Arthur N.- Mill Hand	39 School St.
Bachand, Edward - Carpenter	16 Williams St.
Bachand, Napoleon - Unemployed	2 Cross St.
Barbierri, Sylvester - Bookkeeper	N. Woodstock Road
Beauregard, Alexander - Clerk	244 Marcy St.
Beauregard, Raymond P. - Clerk	416 Main St.
Belanger, Alpherie - Polisher	27 Worcester St.
Benoit, Levi G. - Manager	862 Lebanon St.
Benson, Arthur J. - Truer	29 Sayles St.
Bertrand, Urban G. - Inspector	370 Hamilton St.
Bibeau, Rodolphe - Machinist	53 Worcester St.
Blair, Elmer L., Jr. - Clerk	281 Woodstock Rd.
Blair, Alfred - Truck Driver	135 Worcester St.
Blais, Napoleon - Glass Moulder	402 Worcester St.
Boiteau, Anthony - Polisher	71 Sayles St.
Bombardier, Joseph - Steam Fitter	30 Cohasse St.
Boucher, Edward - Lens Setter	159 Worcester St.
Boucher, Raymond - Specmaker	127 Everett St.
Boulanger, Alfred J. - Optical Worker	152 Mill St.
Bourdelaïs, Charles - Taxi Owner	213 Elm St.
Brodeur, Ahtonio - Clerk	114 Pine St.
Cabana, Arthur - Specmaker	10 Oakes Ave.
Carmel, Felix - Clerk	139 South St.
Caron, Anatole, Jr. - Clerk	33 River St.
Carpentier, William - Merchant	228 Hamilton St.
Cartier, Joseph, Jr. - Salesman	17 Pleasant St.

Chamberland, Theodore - Machine Operator	99 Cross St.
Ciesla, Antoni - Contractor	76 Plympton St.
Clemence, George H. - Foremen	Clemence Hill
Coderre, Henry F. - Merchant	560 South St.
Costa, Sotir V. - Merchant	308 Main St.
Cournoyer, Aldori - Taxi Driver	81 Pleasant St.
Cournoyer, H. Norman - Dealer	59 Fiske St.
Dauphinais, Adelard - Optical Worker	199 Charlton St.
Davis, Steven L. - Factory Worker	50 Sturbridge Road
Desaulniers, Leo - Specmaker	Lebanon Hill
Donaïs, Armand - A.O.Co.	444 Worcester St.
Dufault, Joseph - Laborer	156 Mechanic St.
Dulmaine, Walter - Retired	99 Pine St.
Dupaul, Leon - Foreman	250 Marcy St.
Duquette, George - Specmaker	736 Lebanon Hill
Eno, Arthur J. - Electrician	76 Pine St.
Ethier, Edward - Optical Worker	31 River St.
Fafard, Wilfred - Back Tender	11 Columbia St.
Farland, Alfred J. Painter	372 Hamilton St.
Flood, Henry F. - Clerk	300 Hamilton St.
Fontaine, Alpha - Optical Worker	Y.M.C.A.
Garceau, Wilfred - Waiter	14 Worcester St.
Gaumond, Armand - Truckman	711 Main St.
Gaumond, Eugel - Retired	16 Gardner St.
Gendron, Albert - Picker	42 Thomas St.
Gelineau, Alfred - Retired	17 Charlton St.
Genereux, Louis W. - Clerk	206 Main St.
Girard, Wilfred - Fireman	222 Mechanic St.
Gladu, Charles H. - Developer	36 Cohasse St.
Graf, Peter F. - Foreman	38 Golf St.
Genke, Louis - Blocker	9 Rose St.
Grenier, William - Def. Worker	53 Pleasant St.
Gamache, George A. - Mach. Oper.	105 North St.

Gaudette, Noe J. - Clerk	9 Curtis St.
Galipeau, Eugene - Inspector	46 Fiske St.
Gravel, Charles - Lens Polisher	158 Charlton St.
Hebert, Leo - Grinder	48 Fiske St.
Hebert, Armand T. - Finisher	55 Coombs St.
Hetu, Louis - Janitor	48 Dresser St.
Hill, Emerson H. - Specmaker	472 South St.
Holton, Frank B. - Machinist	Lebanon Hill
Julian, Joseph - Mail Carrier	73 Newell Ave.
Jones, Leonard W. - Foreman	25 Harding Ct.
Karle, Cyril - Supervisor	121 Everett St.
Kurposka, Mitchell - Toolmaker	65 Crystal St.
Lafleche, Albert - A.O.Co.	42 Worcester St.
LaFrance, Charles - Electrician	38 Pleasant St.
Laliberte, Oliver - Clerk	71 Cross St.
Landry, Victor - Specmaker	100 Worcester St.
Langlois, Paul - Painter	64 Crystal St.
Lariviere, Ubald - Machinist	165 Mechanic St.
Lavallee, Adelard - Shear Tender	75 Crystal St.
Lavallee, Napoleon A. - Clerk	48 School St.
Lucier, Theodore - Springfield Armory	14 Spring St.
Lamontagne, Henry - Polisher	9 Rose St.
Lataille, Frank - Optical Worker	284 Mechanic St.
Latalle, Joseph - Retired	39 Henry St.
LeBlanc, Leon - Spinner	364 Hamilton St.
Lemire, Napoleon - Frame Maker	30 Taft St.
LeBoeuf, Roland - Clerk	25 Chestnut St.
Lepage, Adelard - Foreman	122 Litchfield Ave.
Libera, Joseph - Optical Worker	9 Ballard Ct.
Lippe, Clement - Specmaker	711 Main St.
Loranger, Edward - Defense Worker	127 Pleasant St.
Lynch, Charles - Inspector	26 School St.
Lusignan, William - Sub Foreman	392 Worcester St.

Maloney, Phillip - A.O.Co.	87 Edwards St.
Mitchell, Irving - Clerk	47 Oliver St.
Monnette, Moise - Clerk	50 Coombs St.
Moriarty, Timothy J. - Mill-oper.	150 Pleasant St.
Marand, Napoleon - Polisher	276 Mechanic St.
Mathieu, Isaac - Canvasser	50 Coombs St.
Nichols, Thomas - Press-worker	29 Fiske St.
Nadeau, Jean Baptiste - Retired	386 Main St.
Normandin, Joseph S. - Clerk	14 Dresser St.
Noyes, Gordon - Retired	16 Edwards St.
Arsini, Antonio - A.O.Co.	145 Elm St.
O'Shaughnessy, John J., Sr. - Real Estate	164 Hamilton St.
Paquin, William - Inspector	32 Worcester St.
Patneaud, George - Warper	12 Pine St.
Paulhus, Albert - Gate Tender	199 Charlton St.
Peloquin, Aime - Unemployed	67 Charlton St.
Peloquin, Felix - Wire Stretcher	27 Coombs St.
Peloquin, Narcisse - Repair Man	62 Green Ave.
Peloquin, Philip - Painter	216 Everett St.
Perron, Omer - Merchant	215 Marcy St.
Pezzetti, John - Ins. Agent	7 Glover St.
Plouffe, George E. - Truer	135 Marcy St.
Pratt, Walter W. - Farmer	873 N. Woodstock Rd.
Proulx, Charles F. - Carpenter	81 Wall St.
Proulx, Joseph D. - Cook	46 South St.
Paul, Wilfred - Truck Driver	45 Union St.
Paquette, Walter - Foreman	Brickyard Rd.
Page, Ernest P. - Salesman	431 Hamilton St.
Raimondo, Bernard L. - Foreman	9 Crescent St.
Renaud, George - Machine Operator	149 Mill St.
St. Germaine, Joseph - Laborer	120 Sayles St.
St. Martin, Arsene - Printer	95 North St.
St. Martin, Rudolphe - Sub-Foreman	70 Dresser St.

St. Pierre, Rodolphe - Machinist	10 Rose St.
Sansoucy, Leonard - Bookkeeper	24 North St.
Santo, Dominic - Foreman	462 Elm St.
Silk, George W. - Clerk	723 Main St.
Shea, William T. - Draftsman	19 Clarke St.
Staves, Arthur - Freight Clerk	37 Franklin Terr.
Stypulkawski, Anthony - Machine Operator	110 Old Sturbridge Rd.
Talbot, Ernest - Laborer	34 Hamilton St.
Tasciotti, Ralph - Knife Maker	113 Cross St.
Thomas, Gregory - Merchant	84 Dresser St.
Tetreault, Eugene - Clerk	53 Fiske St.
Toomey, John F. - Clerk	30 North St.
Trahan, Ovila - Carpenter	16 Clerk St.
Tully, Andrew F. Sr. - Order Clerk	547 Main St.
Tavernier, Omer J. - Edger	10 Lens St.
Varin, Raymond - Foreman	110 Mechanic St.
Watson, Edmund - Watchman	26 North St.
Whalen, Robert - Warper	62 Mill St.
Willet, Loyd F. - Ins. Agent	Westwood Parkway
Ziu, Thomas - Inspector	46 Morris St.
Carpentier, Noe - Occu. Machinists	246 Mechanic St.
Matte, Osa - Ames Worsted	77 Moon St.
Chapdelaine, Gedeon - Picker	191 Worcester St.
Lamothe, Adolphe - Bartender	104 Worcester St.
Hebert, Joseph A. - Box Maker	5 Moon St.
Duquette, Albert F. - Grinder	14 Worcester St.
Blanchette, Omer - Truck Driver	40 Oliver St.
Pratt, W. Willis - Farmer	700 Woodstock Rd.
Fontaine, Lucien - Machinist	86 Worcester St.
Gauthier, Valmore - Foreman	5 Fiske St.
LaFleche, Edmund O. - Grinder	Moon St.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To The Voters of Southbridge:

The following report covers the activities of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1943.

Town Hall repairs were low as only minor repairs were made.

An Honor Roll showing names of Southbridge men in service in the II World War was erected under the Direction of the Honor Roll Committee on the Jacob Edwards Library grounds and Southbridge should be proud of the installation.

Major construction was very light due to war conditions which made it difficult to obtain material.

Your Board wishes to thank the Insurance Committee, Finance Committee, Public Work Reserve Committee, Swimming Pool Committee and all other Town Departments for their cooperation and interest in their various duties.

LEO J. COURNOYER

WESLEY K. COLE

NAPOLEON J. BLANCHARD

Selectmen

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration my yearly police report ending December 31, 1943.

Complaints made in the District Court by our officers during the fiscal year. Total 574. Males 551, Females 23.

MISCELLANEOUS

Motor Vehicle accidents with personal injuries.	23
Motor Vehicle accidents with property damaged	26
Motor Vehicle Stolen & Recovered.	9
Motor Vehicle licenses suspended or revoked	26
Persons injured in Motor Vehicle.	27
Parking summons served.	87
Doors & Windows found unlocked.	202
Lodging given to travelers.	127
Persons reported missing.	24
Bicycles reported stolen.	14
Goods stolen & Recovered.	\$5944.00
Goods stolen not recovered.	700.47

In behalf of the police officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board and all Town Officials for their consideration during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES

For the Town

Jacob K. Edwards, Chairman

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi

Oswald J. Laliberte

For the Edwards Bequest

George B. Wells

Gertrude W. Smith

W. Wesley Crawford

LIBRARY HOURS

Week days--10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Closed 1944:

January 1--New Year's Day

May 30--Memorial Day

July 4--Independence Day, (Tuesday)

September 4--Labor Day

November 11--Armistice Day (Until 2:00 P.M.)

November 30--Thanksgiving Day

December 25--Christmas

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

With a budget under the standard set by library authorities, as necessary for efficient service, the library staff of three full-time members, as against five considered necessary in 1941, and part-time high school help, maintained a twelve hour day schedule (eleven hours open to the public).

In spite of economies and of the preoccupation of large groups of people with duties which ate into reading time, the year's record shows only a small loss in the number of books borrowed for home use. The use of reference facilities, never very satisfactorily recorded in statistical form, has increased with the adjustment of the high school to its one session day and the return to more normal outside assignments. Although the full-time staff is smaller than it should be, it is fortunate in including a trained reference assistant whose duties cover also the building up of the technical, collection, in cooperation with the original sponsors of that new department. Plans are now under way for a substantial addition to its book and magazine collection and to the furnishings of its room on the ground floor, which it is hoped will attract all technical minded people to a wider use of the department. These additions were made possible by a gift, and do not come out of the regular library budget.

The new reference assistant, Miss Van Nostrand, joined the staff in July and the Children's Librarian went on leave of absence the same month, to return in October for one month before resigning. The work with children has suffered from the lack of one person free to concentrate on their needs, but the good work done by Miss McMaster before she left kept the juvenile figures nearly up to those for 1942.

Conditions in the publishing world have of course affected the library's purchases. With all branches of industry suffering from labor shortage, and with the very drastic cuts in the paper supply, books are slower in coming, and those published more than a year ago increasingly hard to buy. More extensive use has been made of the privilege of borrowing from other libraries to cover the specialized needs that a general public library cannot meet, and this year to get books that would in normal times have been bought, but have now been allowed to go out of print.

The purchase of the United States Catalog, a tool necessary to our proper functioning, makes it possible for us to establish the existence of any book in the English Language in print 1928 or published since that date. While this does not produce the book, it is a satisfaction in itself and a means of intelligent inquiry to sources that might be able to produce it. The reference collection has had some valuable additions, and the number of books bought for general reading was only a little lower than in 1942.

All the outside woodwork of the library and the iron fences have been given one coat of paint to forestall the ravages of weather. Much more remains to be done. Lighting in the reading rooms is still inadequate; the heating plant will soon be in need of repairs; the lawn and trees need more expensive care. The building is one to be proud of, and the Trustees responsible for its well being have no desire to let it suffer seriously.

The library staff is very grateful to the "reading public" for its outspoken appreciation of what service we are able to give and as grateful for the lack of criticism of our shortcomings. To

our non-reading public we owe apology for not extending our service and crying our wares so that all those who help support an institution which should be used 100% might profit by it. When normal times return and an adequate staff is available, we look forward to a more widespread use of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

STATISTICAL RECORD

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of Founding	1871
Population served	16,825
Days open during year	307
Hours open each week	66
Number of volumes January 1, 1943	27,241
Number of volumes added	1,589
New 1,324)	Including 292 books by gift and
Replaced 265)	transfer from Rental Collection
Number of volumes discarded	947
Number of volumes December 31, 1943	27,883
Number of registered borrowers (estimate)	6,000 #
Number of volumes lent for home use	88,683
# 4,954 new and reregistered borrowers since June 1941.	
Some old cards still in use.	

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR SHANE
Librarian

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1943 Receipts and Expenditures 1944 Budget Estimate

Item	1943 Receipts	1943 Expenditures	1944 Budget
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE			
APPROPRIATION	10,050.00		
Refunds to Town	4.80		
	10,054.80		
Less Refund to E. & D. a/c	573.39		
	9,481.41		

MYNOTT FUND

Bal. Jan. 1, 1943	43.56	
Receipts 1943	22.50	
	66.06	
Disbursements	8.34	8.34
Bal. Dec. 31, '43	57.72	

TRUSTEE FUNDS

Bal. Jan. 1, '43	1,141.31
Receipts	5,348.00
(Edwards Trusts)	
Bradford Trust	109.53

Misc. Petty Cash	.93	
Int. Spec. Reserve	<u>36.67</u>	
	6,636.44	
Disbursements	<u>3,731.24</u>	3,731.24
	2,905.20	
Trans. Spec. Res.	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Operating Balance	<u>905.20</u>	
Bal. Dec. 31, '43		
Spec. Res. Jan. 1, '43	2,000.00	
1943 Addition	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Dec. 31, '43	<u>4,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>13,220.99</u>

EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL

Acct.

101)	Librarian and Assistant		
102)			
103	Regular Employees		
104	Part-time Employees		
105	Sunday Opening	5,582.98	6,600.00.

BOOKS & PERIODICALS

201	Books		
202	Periodicals		
250	Book Repairs	3,193.76	3,200.00.

BUILDING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING & GROUNDS

150	Payroll - Janitor		
151	Payroll - Janitors Helpers		
301	Fuel		
302	Light		
303	Water		
304	Supplies		
305	Removal of Ashes etc.		
306	Misc. Expenses	3,018.24	2,700.00
351	Building	150.00	
352	Grounds	100.00	
			<u>250.00</u>
			2,950.00

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

401)	Telephone, Stationery		
402)	and Postage		
403	Desk & Office Supplies		
404	Audit		
405	Survey		
406	Pension		
407	Miscellaneous	1,403.66	1,500.00

EQUIPMENT

501	Furniture & Fixtures	<u>22.35</u>	<u>100.00</u>
		13,220.99	14,350.00
	Special Appropriation		
	building repairs and		
	improvements		<u>1,000.00-A</u>
			15,350.00

A. Special appropriation \$5,000.00 requested by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a period of five years at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year, is referred to Finance Committee for decision as to year 1944. In view of existing conditions, this appropriation was not granted for 1942 or 1943. Trustees call attention to importance of this special appropriation being made available as soon as conditions warrant.

Involves Lighting
Heating & Renovation.

SUMMARY

	1943		1943		1943		1944	
	Budget		Appropriation		Expenditures		Budget	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	
Town-Normal Basis	10,050.00	66.78	10,050.00	71.53	10,054.80	76.05	10,350.00	67.43
Town-Special Fund	1,000.00	6.64	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	6.51
Town Cr.to E&Da/c					573.39	4.33		
	11,050.00				9,481.41	71.72	11,350.00	
Trustee Funds	4,000.00	26.58	4,000.00	28.47	3,731.24	28.22	4,000.00	26.06
Mynott Funds					8.34	.06		
	15,050.00	100.00	14,050.00	100.00	13,220.99	100.00	15,350.00	100.00

If the amount collected by Library and turned in to Town Treasurer (\$963.07) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1943 (\$8,518.34) is 64.43% of the cost for year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1944 of \$4,000.00 from trust funds. On this basis the town cost will be only 73.94% of total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00 if granted, and 67.43% if that special appropriation is not granted.

APPROVED BY TRUSTEES
THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

J. K. EDWARDS
N. W. PIOppi
O. J. LALIBERTE
G. B. WELLS
GERTRUDE W. SMITH
ARTHUR KAY
W. W. CRAWFORD

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To The Citizens of Southbridge Massachusetts:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year 1943:

Taxes:

Levy of 1941:

Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$1,113.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$547.14	
Tax Title	2.26	
Abated	564.00	\$1,113.40

Taxes:

Levy of 1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$51,953.86
Payment after abatement		86.78
		\$52,040.64
Payments to Treasurer	\$50,987.90	
Tax Title	40.56	
Abated	315.52	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	696.66	\$52,040.64 6

Taxes:

Levy of 1943

Commitments per warrants		521,212.79
Payments to Treasurer	\$483,148.87	
Abated	3,927.89	
Tax Title	502.10	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	33,748.42	
	\$521,327.28	
To be abated	\$ 8.00	
Refunded by Treasurer	106.49	\$521,212.79

Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$170.40
Commitment per warrant		10.00
		\$180.40

Payments to Treasurer

\$176.40

Abated

10.92

\$187.32

Refunded

\$6.92

\$180.40

Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1943

Commitments per warrants		\$20,227.85
Payments to Treasurer	\$19,772.49	
Abated	448.69	
Outstanding January 1, 1944	135.41	
	\$20,356.59	
Refunded by Treasurer	128.74	\$20,227.85

Sewer Assessment:

Levy of 1941

Outstanding January 1, 1943		\$88.02
Payments to Treasurer	\$19.68	
Tax Title	68.34	88.02

Sewer Assessment Interest:			
Levy of 1941:			
Outstanding January 1, 1943			\$8.36
Overpayment to Treasurer			<u>.60</u>
			\$7.76
Payment to Treasurer	\$3.82		
Tax Title	<u>3.94</u>		<u>\$7.76</u>
Sewer Assessment:			
Levy of 1942:			
Outstanding January 1, 1943			\$736.42
Payments to Treasurer	\$568.38		
Abated	<u>168.04</u>		<u>\$736.42</u>
Sewer Assessment Interest:			
Levy of 1942:			
Outstanding January 1, 1943			\$80.80
Payments to Treasurer	\$71.26		
Abated	<u>9.54</u>		<u>\$80.80</u>
Sidewalk Assessment:			
Levy of 1942:			
Outstanding January 1, 1943			\$52.38
Payments to Treasurer			<u>\$52.38</u>
Sidewalk Assessment Interest:			
Levy of 1942:			
Outstanding January 1, 1943			\$12.08
Payments to Treasurer			<u>\$12.08</u>
Sewer Assessment:			
Levy of 1943:			
Commitments per warrants			\$509.69
Payments to Treasurer	\$437.50		
Outstanding December 31, 1943	<u>161.29</u>		
	\$598.79		
Advance payments		\$89.10	<u>\$509.69</u>
Sewer Assessments Interests:			
Levy of 1943:			
Commitments per warrants			\$58.35
Payments to Treasurer	\$44.64		
Outstanding December 31, 1943	<u>13.71</u>		<u>\$58.35</u>
Sidewalk Assessments:			
Levy of 1943:			
Commitments per warrants			\$125.37
Advance payments			<u>39.86</u>
			\$165.23
Payments to Treasurer	\$157.65		
Outstanding December 31, 1943	<u>7.58</u>		<u>\$165.23</u>
Sidewalk Assessment Interest:			
Levy of 1943:			
Commitments per warrants			\$19.67
Payments to Treasurer	\$18.31		
Outstanding December 31, 1943	<u>1.36</u>		<u>\$19.67</u>
Special Sidewalk Assessments:			
Levy of 1942:			
Outstanding January 1, 1943			\$30.29
To be added to 1944 Taxes			<u>\$30.29</u>

Interest and costs on Taxes and assessments:

Levy of 1941:

\$57.41

Levy of 1942:

1430.72

Levy of 1943:

212.77

\$1700.90

Grand Total collected during year of 1943

\$558,313.69

I wish to thank the citizens of Southbridge and the various Town Officials for their kind cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MEDERIC DUHAMEL

Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943. Giving values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, value of properties where loss occurred, also recommendations I deem necessary for the ensuing year.

I recommend for 1944 an appropriation of \$47,409.96.

We responded to 392 Still Alarms and 23 Bell Alarms Total 415 Alarms.

The detailed report follows:

Value of Buildings where fires occurred.	\$ 950,000.00
Loss on Buildings	16,095.14
Insurance on Buildings.	3,053,414.00
Insurance Paid on Buildings	14,964.94
Value of Contents	3,243,300.00
Loss on Contents.	15,233.30
Insurance on Contents	3,148,500.00
Insurance Paid on Contents.	8,760.56

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMITS

There were 6,477 permits issued for Transporting Gasoline, High Explosives, Range Oil Burners, Power Burners, Open Air Permits, and Removal of Empty Gasoline Tanks.

INSPECTIONS

There were 1,564 inspections made of Stores, Hotels & Boarding Houses, Tenement Houses, Range Oil Burners, Power Burners, and Clubs & Cafes.

In closing my report for the year, I wish to thank the citizens for their cooperation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD J. MEUNIER

Chief of the Fire Department

For the Fire Department
Bernard D. Sherry (Clerk)

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 32 alarms for forest fires in 1943.

There were 193 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their cooperation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In 1943 the Ambulance Department has collected \$493.00.

During the past year the Ambulance made 176 trips in the Town of Southbridge, and 94 trips out of town.

I wish at this time to thank Mrs. Gertrude Smith, and Red Cross Ambulance Corps, for their splendid cooperation, when our Ambulance was out of town, or being repaired.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF THE AUXILIARY FIRE DEPARTMENT

I wish at this time to thank each and every member of the Auxiliary Fire Department, for their fine cooperation shown last year.

The Auxiliary Fire Department consists of 57 members, making up 3 companies. Each company is assigned to a separate district, one in the Flat Section, one in the Globe Section, and one in the Down-Town Section. Each company also has its own Trailer Pump and equipment available at each district.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Following the elections in the Spring, the Board of Health met and organized as follows: Dr. Hervey L. Desmarais, Chairman, Dr. William E. Langevin, Clerk, and Dr. Ralph R. Racicot as the other member.

Ten regular and two special meetings were held in the course of the year. Early in January the Board decided to call a special meeting, in order to have ample time to discuss, and revise the garbage contract before the present one expired April 1st. It was voted to advertise for bids, and after due consideration, a contract for three years was awarded to Peter Krasowsky. For the past two years, this item has been the greatest source of expense for our department. Approximately one-fourth of our budget was used for garbage collection. However, due to the continued shortage of labor and increase in the cost of living, it has been impossible to alter the present situation. We endeavor to have the collector follow a regular schedule without interruption of the convenience of householders, also to insure more hygienic and efficient service for the community.

After serving six months as a member of the Board of Health, Dr. Ralph R. Racicot requested a leave of absence in order to report for military service for the duration. The Board and all the members of the health personnel extend their best wishes and anticipate his return to continue his term of office in the department. The Board of Health presented to the Board of Selectmen the name of a candidate for their consideration, to replace Dr. Ralph R. Racicot. Said candidate was approved, appointed and sworn into office by the Town Clerk. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Ernest Tetreault as a new member of the Board of Health.

Considerable time was spent assisting applicants to secure slaughtering licenses to conform with State and Federal laws. The rationing of meat has created new rules and regulations, causing no end of confusion to the honest, well-meaning dealers. With assistance from the local rationing board, and the district office in Worcester, each one finally received his quota.

More permits than usual, have been issued this year to keep poultry and rabbits. Many householders decided it would be necessary in order to avoid food shortage. Considering that fact, the Board of Health have been more lenient in granting said permits, with the understanding, however, that coops and yards must be removed if they cause any nuisance to neighbors.

As part of the annual clean-up campaign, the Board of Health published an article in the local newspaper, giving the citizens of the community explicit instructions and advice on the disposal of all kinds of rubbish. Nevertheless, various complaints were received for the Board to adjust that would have been eliminated, if said instructions had been heeded. Considerable time was spent investigating nuisances, and writing notices where conditions were urgent. A little more cooperation between tenants and landlords would abate the majority of nuisances without reporting same to Board of Health.

Three cases of Infantile Paralysis, the first since 1934 were reported in September, one pre-school and two high school children. All known measures of control were immediately set in motion. In-

struction on symptoms and precautions to High School pupils, also an article by the Board of Health physician, outlining the characteristics of the disease was published in the local newspaper. Then too, a meeting of the medical staff of the Harrington Hospital was called to discuss ways and means of handling any possible epidemic. Fortunately no other case developed.

We have maintained all our clinics for the detection and immunization of communicable disease, also hospitalization of tubercular patients. One hundred and thirty-eight communicable diseases were reported. Considering the size of the community, we feel we have had an exceptionally healthy year. This due to no small degree to the preventive program of the Health Department.

In conclusion the members of the Board of Health wish to express their appreciation to all who have cooperated with our appointed officers, in the promotion of community health.

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY L. DESMARAIS, D.D.S., Chairman

WILLIAM E. LANGEVIN, M.D., Clerk

ERNEST TETREAULT

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

We hereby submit our respective reports as inspectors of slaughtering as follows:

From Jan. 1- Nov. 27, 1943:

Carcasses of Beef.....	238
Carcasses of Veal.....	171
Carcasses of Hogs.....	140
Carcasses of Sheep.....	<u>14</u>
Total number of carcasses.....	563

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. AUCOIN

Inspector of Slaughtering

From Nov. 29-Dec. 31, 1943:

Carcasses of Beef.....	20	.....	258
Carcasses of Veal.....	23	.....	194
Carcasses of Hogs.....	115	.....	255
Carcasses of Sheep.....	<u>1</u>	.....	<u>15</u>
Total number of carcasses.....	159	Jointly	..... 722

Nov.29-1943. Condemned 1 Beef Liver. (Tuberculous, granular stage).

Dec.22-1943. Condemned 1 Beef Liver. (Tuberculous, Tumerous stage).

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

This year, as usual, we carried on the customary routine inspections of bakeries, groceries and markets, as well as all eating and drinking establishments. The conditions were as good, and not worse than those found in other communities, when we pause to realize that up to the present time, there is yet no accepted universal code of requirements and procedures in this state.

The federal and state governments have for some time contemplated the formulation of codes for the regulation of eating and drinking establishments, and to that effect, in November, the sanitary and food inspectors from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts were invited to attend a course of special instructions in Boston, with your Inspector attending all sessions.

This course was very concise and embraced all phases of these two businesses, with special lectures and demonstrations to be given the food and drink handlers and the general public sometime during the year 1944. Our department has already made arrangements with the proper authorities for such a series of instructions in our Town, and it is our hope that every one interested will derive much benefit therefrom.

During the year 1943, we visited the following places of business:

Groceries and Markets.....	96 Inspections
Restaurants and Lunch Rooms....	47 Inspections
Soda Fountains, Lunch Bars.....	17 Inspections
Hotels, Cafes and Bars (Liquor)	86 Inspections
Dairies and Milk Plants.....	94 Inspections
Ice Cream Plants.....	6
Bakeries.....	15 Inspections
Soft Drink Bottling Works.....	2 Inspections
Total number of inspections....	363

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Food Inspector

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

Nearly all the dairy farmers increased their herds this year, by importing 97 dairy cattle from other states, aside from the animals which were purchased from other dairymen or cattle dealers within the state. Although all dairymen could sell more milk and cream if they had it, the available supply has not decreased so much as to cause privation or hardship to any extent.

The grain and feed situation continues to be somewhat of a problem, however, both as to quality and quantity, and this factor contributes more than usual to the seasonal reduced production of each animal to such an extent that, approximately the same amount of milk is marketed from a herd that has been increased 15 to 20% in the number of heads.

We carried on the usual routine tests and analyses of milk during the year and acquired some additional equipment for our laboratory, such as a bacteriological incubator, a colony counter, a steam pressure sterilizer, together with the necessary glassware and various media and chemicals essential to the use of this equipment.

No cows reacted to the tuberculin test within our town this year, and very few from out of town herds producing milk or cream sold in this area. We receive milk and cream from 98 registered dairy farms of which number only 18 are within the town limits. More dairy farmers have inoculated their cows against Bang's disease and our laboratory is now equipped to make analyses of milk from cows suspected of harboring this disease.

We also have perfected a method of periodical tests and plans for the segregation or disposal of cattle infected with Mastitis, similar methods having proved to be most effective in other communities for a number of years. If this method, together with accompanying instructions are closely followed by the dairy farmers, it will enable them to build up their herds free from Bang's disease and Mastitis, both of which are preventable.

During the year, we have conducted the following tests and analyses on samples taken at the milk plants, dairy farms and from the vehicles of the dealers.

Butter-Fats Tests, (Composite samples).....	317
Butter-Fats Tests (Individual Cows).....	112
Solids and Acidity Tests.....	410
Phosphatase Tests, (Pasteurization).....	64
Keeping Quality Tests.....	370
Analyses for Mastitis (Composite samples)....	212
Analyses for Mastitis (Individual Cows).....	137
Microscopic Bacteria Counts & Examinations...	629
Standard Plate Counts, (Colonies).....	166
Number of Samples Collected.....	681
Number of Samples of Goats Milk.....	2

Number of Cows disposed of for Mastitis.....	14
Number of Cows disposed of for Bang's disease	2
Visits to Dairy Farms and Milk Plants.....	94
Total Tests.....	1273. Total Analyses... 1144.

According to information requested by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and mailed to Washington on April 14, 1943, we estimated the amount of milk and cream sold daily in Southbridge as follows:

Milk.....	10,150 qts. (daily, and aver. 4% B.F.)
Cream.....	185 qts. (daily, 18-19% B.F.)
Population served.....	21,000, including transients.

Approximately 75% of this milk and cream is pasteurized, compared to the state average of 88%.

The following milk or milk product licenses were issued during the year.

Pasteurizing Plants.....	4
Ice Cream Plants.....	2
Stores, Hotels, Restaurants.....	73
Dealers, (Vehicles).....	31
Oleomargarine.....	17

Again this year, several producers and dealers went out of business, but the sale of oleomargarine has increased correspondingly with the scarcity of butter. Farm help also continues to be scarce and expensive, but as a whole, the supply and quality of milk in this territory compares very favorably with other areas in this state, and improvements in plants and methods of production are requested or encouraged as quickly as the times we live in permit.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all producers and dealers for their fine cooperation in these trying times, and the public is cordially invited to visit our milk laboratory in Town Hall at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Milk Inspector

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Following our usual program, schedules for clinics are mailed to all doctors, health departments and public health nurses served in this area. Clinics are held in the Board of Health rooms, and patients reporting with a request from their family physician are x-rayed and examined. Two lung specialists and an x-ray technician from Rutland State Sanatorium, are on duty each month. One hundred and eight patients were examined, representing nine towns and twenty-one physicians. Since the x-ray case finding program is now unanimously considered the most accurate method for the diagnosis of early tuberculosis, the facilities of this clinic are available for routine x-ray examination, to help prevent wartime spread of tuberculosis. Cases of tuberculosis discovered among rejected recruits, are reported by the Selective Service to the Board of Health for clinical study, care and treatment.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Each child reporting to the clinic received three injections of toxoid. We endeavor to concentrate on the most susceptible group six months to six years. Since our first clinics in 1929, we have had Schick Test clinics six months later for all who received the complete series of injections. The result of this test gave us the exact number of children immunized. However, this year we omitted the Schick Test, as it is little used on a community basis, and the responsibility for having a child Schick Tested is in the hands of the family. The American Public Health Association recommends that all children who have been injected early in life receive a booster dose of diphtheria toxoid, just prior to entering school. One hundred and thirteen children were injected, thirty-three of this number were pre-school.

DENTAL CLINIC

Even though the dental clinic is opened every Monday and Tuesday morning for eight months during the year, we find it impossible to care for all the children in the selected grades. Since the allotted time for each pupil is limited, it's necessary to have them return several times in order to complete the work. The program is planned to teach the children the value of oral hygiene, its relation to good health, also to clean and repair caries teeth. Certificates are awarded to those who have necessary work completed.

Number of children who reported to clinic.....	538
Number of extractions.....	40
Number of cleanings.....	425
Number of fillings.....	251
Number of children who received certificates.....	138

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

Pre-school and registration clinics assisted the parents to prepare their children to enter school physically and mentally fit.

It's essential to have them free from remediable defects, before they come in contact with groups of children. Each child was examined by the school physician and Board of Health dentists, the physical findings, medical history, as well as the weight and height was recorded on the health card. Parents were advised to have their children protected against small-pox and diphtheria. One hundred and forty-one children attended these clinics.

Pupils in the elementary grades were examined by the school physician, assisted by the nurse. At this time the doctor has an opportunity to discuss with the pupil, his posture, and health habits. Parents are notified of defects and advised to have same corrected as soon as possible. A steady gain in height and weight indicates normal growth. Seven hundred and twenty-eight children were examined. A hearing test was conducted in St. Mary's school, with the 4C audiometer, for all pupils, beginning with the third grade. Since the success of these tests depends a great deal on the silence of the immediate environment, it is necessary to do this work in a separate room. Groups of twenty were tested at the same time. Children who failed to record numbers below a certain level, had to take a second test, in order to screen out the hard of hearing.

Communicable disease control in schools is part of the teachers' daily routine. She must be on the alert all day for objective symptoms. A brief examination each morning as the child enters school, would assist the physician and nurse, to prevent the spread of disease. The total number of Scarlet Fever reported was less than last year. A considerable number of adults contracted the disease, in fact nearly fifty percent of all cases were over seventeen years of age. This was probably due to the great number of persons employed out of town, in areas where scarlet fever was prevalent, also to the lowered resistance of war workers.

Five girls had the privilege of spending eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp, maintained by the sale of Christmas Seals. Funds from the same source also provided the services of a nurse for the Tuberculosis Consultation Clinics. The health camp program is under supervision of trained workers, and consists of various handicrafts, swimming, dramatics, games and hikes. Each child gains weight from the extra mid-day rest period, proper food and regular health habits. All the candidates for this vacation were contacts cases of tuberculosis.

At this time I wish to thank the local Branch of the Red Cross, for services rendered in clinics by members of the Nurses Aide Corps, and the Motor Corps for transporting patients to hospitals. Also any other organizations or individuals who assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health, I hereby submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office during the past year.

Infantile Paralysis.....	3	Chicken Pox.....	31
Dog Bite.....	21	German Measles.....	6
Meningitis meningococcus.....	7	Lobar Pneumonia.....	5
Measles.....	14	Scarlet Fever.....	35
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6	Other Forms Tuberculosis.	2
Whooping cough.....	6	Undulant Fever.....	2
Total.....		138	

List of deaths in Town for which this office has issued permits for burial.

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Angina Pectoris.....	1	Chronic Myocarditis.....	6
Acute Malignant Endocarditis.	1	Generalized Arteriosclerosis	1
Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	8	Myocardial Failure.....	6
Cardiac Failure.....	1	Myocardial Decompensation...	1
Cardio vascular renal disease.	1	Myocarditis.....	1
Coronary Disease.....	4	Rheumatic Heart Disease.....	1
Coronary Occlusion.....	5	Ruptured myocardium.....	1
Coronary Sclerosis.....	5	Thrombosis of left iliac artery	1
Coronary Thrombosis.....	16		

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	10	Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis...	1
Cerebral Thrombosis.....	3		

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Bronchopneumonia.....	4	Lobar Pneumonia.....	2
Cancer of Lung.....	3	Pneumonia.....	1
Carcinoma of Larynx.....	1	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	1

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Cancer of rectum.....	1	Cirrhosis of liver.....	4
Carcinoma of throat.....	1	Diverticulosis of sigmoid....	1
Carcinoma of intestine.....	4	Malignancy of bowel.....	1
Carcinoma of liver.....	1	Perforated gastric ulcer....	1
Carcinoma of pancreas.....	1	Ruptured appendix.....	1
Carcinoma of stomach.....	3	Ruptured duodenal ulcer....	1

DISEASES OF GENTIOURINARY SYSTEM

Adenocarcinoma of prostate...	2	Chronic nephritis.....	3
Cancer of prostate gland.....	1	Ectopic gestation.....	1
Cancer of uterus.....	1	Uremia.....	4

ALL OTHERS

Accident of pregnancy.....	1	Gangrene of feet.....	1
Alëukemic Luekemia.....	1	Imperforated anus.....	1
Atelectasis of new born.....	3	Prematurity.....	6
Chicken-pox.....	1	Hodgkins disease.....	2
Congenital myelomeningocele..	1	Still born.....	9
Diabetes Mellitus.....	1		

ACCIDENTAL

Fracture of skull.....	1	Second and Thirddegree burns	1
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Total.....147

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

Agent-Board of Health

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

Due to the conservation of rubber and gasoline for war purposes as last year, the regular annual census of cattle, hogs, sheep and goats was omitted. In its place, a census of all the dairy cattle within the Town limits was taken for the purpose of estimating the requirements of new regulations, state and federal, on the production and sale of milk and cream.

The report of this census, which was mailed to the Director of Livestock Disease Control in Boston on July 19th, enumerated 316 dairy cows and 68 heifers below two years old.

The various other duties of this position included the following:

Barns and stables inspected.....	63
Heads of cattle imported and checked as to T. B. ear tag number and Bang's disease certificates.....	97
Heads of cattle quarantined for Mastitis and Bang's disease...	29
Dog bites investigated and animals quarantined for 14 days....	21
Total number of animals inspected.....	531
Barns and stables ordered cleaned and disinfected.....	0

During the year, more than twice the number of dairy cattle were imported from other states compared to last year, the sale price of which ranged from \$225. to \$300. per head, for mature stock.

With the added equipment purchased this year for our laboratory, we are now able to carry on tests on the milk of cows suspected of Bang's disease infection, which ought to prove beneficial to herd owners, and also enable them to produce better and safer milk.

The regular annual tuberculin test of dairy cattle by the state authorities failed to turn out any reactors in this vicinity, so no barns or stables had to be disinfected. All animals appear to be in good health and their stables are kept reasonably clean with no excessive accumulation of manure to provide breeding places for flies or other vermin.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

The continued restrictions and limitations of priorities on materials have held down plumbing construction to additions or repairs of existing buildings. The housing projects on Marcy St., and off Morris St., are federal administration matters, and are entirely under the control and supervision of the federal inspectors.

Recent proposals by the War Production Board are that raw materials will be released in 1944 in a much larger amount than formerly to manufacture much needed articles for the repair and maintenance of buildings, autos, radios, clocks, cooking utensils, toasters and heaters of all kinds, refrigerators, plumbing and heating goods, plastics, etc.

As soon as these articles are manufactured and made available to consumers, the demand for these, which has been dormant, will create more work in the plumbing and heating business as well as other industries.

In 1943, we have accomplished the following work and installations:

	New	Used
Unfinished Jobs on Jan. 1, 1943.....	17	
Number of Permits granted.....	168	
Number of Inspections.....	309	
Water Tests.....	24	
Water Closets.....	91	19
Lavatories.....	59	6
Bath Tubs.....	8	3
Kitchen Sinks.....	20	5
Sink & Trays.....	6	2
Water Heaters & Stove Coils.....	37	
Hot Water Tanks.....	76	7
Urinals.....	6	3
Slop Sinks.....	3	
Shower Pans.....	4	
Water Pumps.....	2	
Beer Dispensers & Bar Sinks.....	4	
Washing Fountains.....	11	
Washing Machines.....	2	1
Soda Fountains.....	1	
Refrigerators.....	1	
Industrial Sinks.....	2	
Settling Tanks.....	3	
Floor Drains.....	14	
Water Piping Jobs.....	32	
Sewer Connections.....	6	
Total New Fixtures.....	342	
Total Used Fixtures.....	54	
Unfinished Jobs.....	7	

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Plumbing

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

On March 8th the Board of Public Welfare met and organized as follows: Ovide Desrosiers, chairman; Hermas Lippe, clerk; Marie Lariviere, third member.

The following statistics show the monthly General Relief case load:

	<u>CASES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	STATE	LOCAL	CASES	PERSONS
January	25	59	84	171
February	14	59	73	156
March	12	57	69	143
April	13	54	67	112
May	13	49	62	115
June	13	47	60	113
July	10	43	53	103
August	10	43	53	119
September	10	42	52	93
October	7	44	51	100
November	9	43	52	97
December	11	38	49	90

A total of 13 families representing 36 persons were aided under the Aid to Dependent Children Laws during 1943. 3 cases were closed during the year on account of employment. The Old Age Assistance program is also under the supervision of this Board.

The Child Welfare District Service serving the towns of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton is still under the able supervision of Mrs. Edith Cushing.

23 persons were cared for at the local Infirmary, under the capable supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beauregard.

Federal and State reimbursements and payments from other cities and towns have been prompt and satisfactory and have greatly reduced our net expenditures. These reimbursements amount to a considerable sum and should be considered in arriving at the net expenditures of this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Chairman

HERMAS LIPPE, Clerk

MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Other Member

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

Board of Public Welfare

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

During the year 1943, the Bureau of Old Age Assistance assisted 227 cases. The following tabulation shows monthly details.

Month	Cases Added	Cases Closed	Cases Rejected	Cases Aided
January	3	7	1	173
February	5	4	2	178
March	6	4	3	176
April	8	5	1	179
May	2	9	1	178
June	2	2	1	174
July	2	0	0	174
August	2	6	2	173
September	4	15	1	159
October	5	3	0	161
November	2	4	1	160
December	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	160
Totals	43	61	14	

Reasons for Closing Cases

Deceased.	19
To another City or Town	7
To accept employment.	7
Children able to provide.	26
To institutions	1
Husband employed.	<u>1</u>
Total	61

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance complied with the new Old Age Assistance requirements which became fully effective on September 8, 1943. It is now necessary to establish accurately the liability of sons and daughters and to enforce required contribution to parents. Because of the new requirements many cases were reduced and discontinued. Each applicant and each recipient was notified of his rights and responsibilities under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDE DESROSIER

HERMAS LIPPE

MARIE E. LARIVIERE

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

All appropriations voted since 1942		
Tax Rate was fixed.	\$645,651.79	
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1942 since 1942 tax rate was fixed	<u>31,241.86</u>	\$676,893.65

STATE: Tax and Assessments	1943 Estimates	
State Tax . . .	\$12,650.00	
State Parks and Reservations	454.97	
State Audit of Municipal Account	472.79	
State Examination of Retirement System	<u>40.80</u>	
	\$13,618.56	\$ 13,618.56

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments		
County Tax . . .	\$20,373.77	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	<u>16,666.35</u>	
	\$37,040.12	\$ 37,040.12

OVERLAY of current year	\$ 16,389.38
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$743,941.71
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	
Estimated receipts for the year 1941.	\$191,656.31

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Amount and date of approval by Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

\$ 19,762.00 - June 25, 1942
5,683.34 - November 13, 1942
5,796.52 - January 27, 1943

\$ 31,241.86	\$ 31,241.86
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TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$222,898.17
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY.	\$521,043.54
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	Tax
Number of Polls 6,082 at \$2.00 each.	\$ 12,164.00
Total Valuation ()	
Personal Property, (Tax Rate)	
\$ 2,096,765.00 ()	77,580.31
Real Estate (\$37.00)	
\$11,656,740.00 ()	\$431,299.38
Loss on account of fractional divisions of tax rate	<u>.15</u>
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$521,043.54

ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO THE
DETERMINATION OF THE TAX
RATE

Betterment and special assessments added to taxes:	
Sidewalk Assessments, apportioned and interest.	\$154.42
Sewer Assessments, apportioned and interest.	568.04
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS	722.46
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON POLLS AND PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR TO DATE OF FIXING TAX RATE	\$521,766.00

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

December 13, 1943	
Real Estate Valuation \$1,350.00	
Tax on Real Estate.	\$49.95
Warrant to Collector, December 13, 1943.	\$ 49.95
Personal Property Valuation \$1,500.00	
Tax on Personal Property.	\$55.50
Warrant to Collector, December 13, 1943.	\$55.50
September 27, 1943	
Polls 24 at \$2.00	\$48.00
Warrant to Collector, September 27, 1943.	\$48.00
December 13, 1943	
Polls 7 at \$2.00.	\$14.00
Warrant to Collector, December 13, 1943.	\$14.00
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE	\$13,756,355.00

TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON POLLS, PERSONAL, REAL ESTATE AND SEWER AND SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS FOR 1943. .	\$521,933.45
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VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR 1943.	\$569,400.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1943.	20,227.85
Warrant to Collector for 1943.	\$ 20,227.85
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION FOR 1943	\$14,325,755.00
TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR FOR 1943	\$542,161.30

VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospital	\$1,772,210.00
Town Property	\$1,706,490.00
U.S.P.O. Property	98,000.00
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	\$3,576,700.00

Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	3540
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JOSEPH T. GERVAIS
JOSEPH LAFLECHE
CHARLES NORMANDIN

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For year ending December 31, 1943

Cash on Hand January 1, 1943	\$ 300,240.32
Receipts for 1943	<u>1,173,265.30</u>
	\$1,473,505.62
1943 Disbursements	<u>1,085,241.37</u>
Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1943	\$ 388,264.25

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1944	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amount Of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943
\$ 9,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. School	1936	\$152,490.00	\$ 89,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	<u>60,000.00</u>
	Total			\$149,000.00

TEMPORARY LOAN

\$100,000.00 - Anticipation of Revenue Loan - Due May 1, 1944

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

CEMETERY FUND

Balance

Depository	Dec. 31, 1943	Int. 1943
Cambridge Savings Bank	3000.00	75.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	2000.00	40.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2000.00	40.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3000.00	75.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2000.00	40.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2475.00	61.89
Millbury Savings Bank	1453.52	36.32
Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3000.00	60.00
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3000.00	60.42
Natick 5-Cent Savings	2500.00	56.25
Southbridge Savings Bank	4209.25	82.84
Salem 5-Cent Savings	2000.00	50.00
Winchedon Savings Bank	3000.00	90.00
Ware Savings Bank	2000.00	50.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings	1714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings	2000.00	50.00
Worcester Co-op Fed. Bank	4000.00	110.00
Workingmen's Co-op Bank	4000.00	100.00
Merchant's Co-op Bank	4000.00	90.00
Mattapan Co-op Bank	2000.00	70.00
Mt. Washington Co-op Bank	4000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op Bank	4000.00	120.00

Southbridge Co-op Bank	2000.00	70.00
Merrimack Co-op Bank	2000.00	62.50
Suffolk Co-op Bank	4000.00	100.00
Minot Co-op Bank	2000.00	62.50
Lincoln Co-op Bank	2000.00	60.00
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Totals	73352.45	1866.99

Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1943	\$72,652.45
Added to Fund, 1943	<hr/> 700.00
	\$73,352.45

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS

<u>Depository</u>	Balance <u>Jan. 1, 1943</u>	Int. <u>1943</u>	Balance <u>Dec. 31, 1943</u>
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MARY MYNOTT FUND

Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$1,000.00
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BOYER FUND

Southbridge Savings Bank	374.20	7.51	381.71
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JESSE J. ANGELL FUND

Southbridge Savings Bank	1,245.23	25.02	1,270.25
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ELLA M. COLE FUND

Attleboro Savings Bank	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	25.00	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00

HANNAH M. EDWARDS FUND

The First National Bank of Boston Trustee	5,000.00	85.00	5,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

OFFICE OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Following is a report on Building Construction in Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1943.

	<u>No. of Units</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>% of Total Construction</u>	
Single family units	2	\$9,000	2-1/2%	88 additional families provided for, plus 90, rooms at girls dormitory on Marcy Street.
Two apartment units	0	0	0	
Multi-family units	9	176,000	50-1/2%	
Additions and Alterations, including				
Industrial Construction	26	158,250	44-1/2%	
Garages	6	3,200	1%	
Misc.	7	1,790	1-1/2%	
Total	50	\$348,240 (Compared with \$276,790 for 1942)		

95% of all construction was due to Multi-family Units and additions to industrial buildings. The Multi-family units consisted almost entirely of the Federal Housing Projects Administration, at Morris Street, which provided 80 additional families and the Girls' Dormitory at Marcy Street. (This is included with alterations)

Additions to factories amounted to 44-1/2% of constructing and most of this construction was for National Defense purposes.

Private construction and alterations amounted to only 5% of the total. This proves that once again Southbridge has complied with the Government restrictions of Building.

It is my duty to warn prospective builders that it is imperative they apply for a Building permit before actual construction begins. By doing this, any chance of unlawful construction will be eliminated.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMAND DEANGELIS

Building Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943:

Wiring Department

Permits issued for new work	60
Permits issued for addition to old work	412
Inspection while work is in progress	619
Recommendations to alter wiring	10
Temporary Permits	15

Due to the restrictions on new buildings, a large reduction in permits was noted, although considerable alterations were completed.

Several large installations have been completed in war plants. With good priorities no trouble has been encountered in obtaining material.

I wish to thank Mr. LeClair and the Electric Light Company for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. DESPRES

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Southbridge:
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Your Board of Street Commissioners wish to submit the following report of the work of the Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 1943.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

This work was carried on in the usual manner with expenditures of \$25,447.91 compared with expenditures of \$25,628.69 last year.

ROAD MACHINERY (New Equipment)

The following new equipment was purchased during the year.

1 Gravel Boom for Nelson KR-5 Loader	\$665.00
2 Highway Sanders @ 300.00	600.00
1 Frink 1 way Snow plow	400.00
Total	\$1,665.00

ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Machinery Maintenance expenditures this year were \$5,767.74 as compared with \$7,100.74 last year.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

This work was carried on by the Highway Department under the supervision of the State Department of Public Works. A special appropriation of \$650.00 was added to this account for sloping a bank on the North Woodstock Road. Total expenditures \$3,350.00.

RUBBISH COLLECTION

A total of thirteen collections were made from April 1st to November 1st at a cost to the Town of \$2,123.33.

TOWN DUMP

This work was carried on in the usual manner with expenditures of \$1,200.00.

SNOW & ICE

This work was carried on in the usual manner with expenditures of \$6,991.63.

PAIGE HILL AND CHARLTON STREET DRAINS

This work was done on a contract basis at an expense to the Town of \$3,676.46

The Street Commissioners take this opportunity to thank the various Town Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LAFLECHE

ALFRED BEAULIEU

LOUIS C. DIONNE

Board of Street Commissioners

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston

February 2, 1944

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Leo J. Cournoyer, Chairman

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1943, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL

Director of Accounts

TNW:FC

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1943, and report thereon as follows:

The records of the financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the reports and records kept by the town accountant.

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records of appropriations and transfers voted, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1943, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash on hand on January 6, 1944, was verified and the bank balances were reconciled with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds and of the contributory retirement system funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The tax title deeds on hand were listed and the amounts transferred to the tax title account were verified. Verification of the tax titles, as listed, was made by comparison with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination, and all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and reconciled with the warrants of the assessors committing the taxes for collection. The payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

The outstanding taxes were verified by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed are correct.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, town clerk, and the health department were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and the town were verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In view of the lack of uniformity in the rate per mile allowed town employees when using privately-owned automobiles on town business, it is recommended that the town authorize the selectmen to establish a uniform allowance to town employees for expenses incurred by them in the operation of motor vehicles owned by them and used in the performance of their official duties.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures and of police, fire, highway, public welfare, school, library and cemetery departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

For the co-operation extended by the several town officials during the process of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts

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REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of Births.	477
Number of Deaths.	180
Number of Marriages	169
Number of Marriage Intentions	151

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Auctioneer's.	5
Sale of Firearms.	4
Garage.	35
Gasoline.	36
Bowling and Pool.	8
Hawkers and peddlers.	8
Junk.	9

DOG LICENSES RECORDED

Number licenses	Males.	644
	Females.	117
	Spayed	195
	Kennel	1
Total licenses issued		957
Amount paid to Town Treasurer		\$2,096.60

SPORTING, HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING LICENSES RECORDED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	641
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	346
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses.	296
Resident Citizen Women's and Minors' Fishing Licenses	197
Resident Minor Trappers' Licenses	2
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses.	11
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses	8
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	4
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	5
Duplicate Licenses.	50

Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$3,083.00

MEETINGS HELD IN 1943

1. Annual Election of Town Officers;	March 1st.
2. Annual Business Meeting;	March 8th.
3. Special Town Meeting;	May 24th.
4. Special Town Meeting;	October 11th.
5. Special Town Meeting;	December 13th.

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN

Alexander Beauregard	244 Marcy St.
E. H. Hill	472 South St.
Albert Gendron,	42 Thomas St.
Adelard Lepage	122 Litchfield Ave.
Noe J. Gaudette	36 School St.
John Barnett	327 Hamilton St.
Alfred Gelineau	17 Charlton St.
Adelard Daphanis	199 Charlton St.
Theodore Chamberland	99 Cross St.
Eugel Gaumont	16 Gardner St.
Napoleon Marand	276 Mechanic St.
Antoine Boiteau	71 Sayles St.
Louis Hetu	48 Dresser St.
Charles Bourdelais	213 Elm St.
Louis Grenke	9 Rose St.
Charles Gravel	158 Charlton St.
Napoleon Blais	402 Worcester St.
Paul Langlois	64 Crystal St.
Wilfred Faford	11 Columbia St.
Alpherie Belanger	27 Worcester St.
Albert Paulhus	199 Charlton St.
Valmore Gauthier	5 Fiske St.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE P. BOYER

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Last year, I sprayed the town elm trees for elm leaf beetles. The work was done with very good results. This spraying should be done every year to control the beetles.

I did some trimming, bracing, cabling, and cavity work on trees that were in bad condition. Removed five maple trees on Durfee Street, and two maple trees on Mill Street.

If any citizen should notice any unusually dangerous condition of a tree, he ought to notify the Tree Warden promptly. Any co-operation would be very much appreciated.

I shall always be ready to serve you.

Respectfully yours,

WILBUR G. WILSON

Tree Warden

REPORT OF GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Last year, we found and exterminated 8,286 gypsy moth egg clusters. This includes the spring and fall extermination. Inspection was restricted only to trees under the town's jurisdiction, because of the limited amount of funds. I find Moth situation better since we have been spraying the trees.

Respectfully yours,

WILBUR G. WILSON

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

Due to war conditions and government limitation on private building construction, the activities of the board have been curtailed.

During the year the government took over the old Harrington Cutlery plant on Marcy Street, and same was reconstructed into dormitory accommodations for ninety seven women, restricted to those workers in defense plants.

The government also leased a tract of land situated between Morris and Warren Streets, and on this land there were erected eighty apartments of the temporary type, divided into eight buildings. These buildings are erected in a Two-Family Zone but are supposed to be removed within eighteen months after the termination of the war. These are also restricted to workers in defense plants.

Your board will follow through the removal of these buildings at the proper time as this construction could not be allowed to remain as same is a violation of the Zoning Laws of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING BOARD OF SOUTHBRIDGE

R. A. BAIL, Chairman

E. J. FOURNIER, Secretary

ARTHUR LAPERLE

ARTHUR CABANA

GEORGE PAGE

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended

Dec. 31, 1943

RECEIPTS

1943

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll.	9,308.00	
Personal.	76,214.25	
Real Estate	397,626.49	
Motor Vehicle Excise. . .	19,772.49	502,921.23

Previous Years:

Poll.	10.00	
Personal.	1,790.20	
Real Estate	49,744.84	
Motor Vehicle Excise. . .	176.40	51,721.44

From State:

Income Tax.	52,378.35	
Business-Corporation Tax.	61,897.66	114,276.01

LICENSES & PERMITS:

Licenses:

Liquor.	13,541.00	
Peddlers, Hawkers and Junk	147.00	
Sunday Store.	117.00	
Common Victualers and Inn-		
holders	130.00	
Pool, Billard and Bowling	218.00	
Pasteurizing, Milk and		
Oleomargarine	93.00	
Auto Dealers.	42.00	
Auctioneers	8.00	
Taxis and Drivers	84.00	
Firearms.	57.00	
All others.	42.00	14,479.00

Permits:

Garage.	38.00	
Gas and Motor Oil	51.00	
Kerosene and Fuel Oil . .	-----	
All Others.	-----	89.00

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	911.50	911.50
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Grants and Gifts:

Vocational and American		
Educational Classes . .	17,788.99	
Vocational Education of		
Defense Workers	9,300.00	
George-Deen School Fund	8,320.15	
Smith-Hughes School Fund	5,026.44	40,435.58

Old Age Assistance Meal		
Tax	1,860.24	1,860.24

County Dog Licenses . . .	<u>1,849.94</u>	1,849.94	
Highway Aid:			
State & County:			
Chapter 90:			
State	3,520.97		
County.	<u>2,772.97</u>	6,293.94	
Federal:			
Aid to Dependent Children	2,846.45		
Old Age Assistance. . . .	<u>31,983.33</u>	34,829.78	
All Other General Revenue:			
Tax Demands	141.75		
Redemption of Deed. . . .	3.00		
Tax Title Redeemed. . . .	435.58		
Advertising and other			
Fees.	<u>7.48</u>	<u>587.81</u>	
Total General Revenue			770,255.47

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Departmental:			
General Government:			
Selectmen:			
Sale of Lumber from Cole			
Lot	12.88		
W. P. A. Material Sold. .	95.00		
Town Accountant . . . . .	.65		
Town Clerk.	4.50		
Town Hall:			
Rental.	<u>408.00</u>	<u>521.03</u>	521.03
Protection of Persons and			
Property:			
Police:			
Station Rental.	75.00		
Sale of Auto.	500.00		
All Other	<u>9.20</u>	584.20	
Fire:			
Sale of Old Materials . .	17.75		
All Other	<u>9.20</u>	26.95	
Sealer of Weights and			
Measures.	61.12	61.12	
Ambulance Fees.	578.00	578.00	
Civilian and National De-			
fense	<u>277.48</u>	<u>277.48</u>	1,527.75

COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Health and Sanitation:

Health:

Contagious Diseases and Tuberculosis.	781.61		
Burial Indigent Persons .	100.00		
All Other	5.57	887.18	

Highways:

Rental of Equipment . . .	1,844.14		
Sale of Old Tractor . . .	300.00	2,144.14	2,144.14

Public Welfare and Charities:

Temporary Aid:

Reimbursements from Cities and Towns	1,792.33		
Reimbursement from State	6,764.55	8,556.88	

Aid to Dependent Children:

Reimbursement from State	4,767.53	4,767.53	
Old Age Assistance:			
Reimbursements from State	29,261.35		
From Cities and Towns . .	683.21	29,944.56	

Child Welfare Service:

Reimbursements from State	984.20		
From Towns.	390.00	1,374.20	

Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid	750.00		
Military Aid.	510.00		
2nd War Allowance	20.00	1,280.00	
			45,923.17

Schools and Libraries:

Schools:

Tuition--High and Cole Trade Schools	15,822.04		
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	824.77		
English Speaking Classes	391.00		
Sale of Books and Sup- plies	851.93		
Reimbursement on Windows Broken.	2.10	17,891.84	17,891.84

Libraries:

Fines	963.07	963.07	963.07

COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Unclassified:

Federal Tax on Employees			
Wages	21,002.51	<u>21,002.51</u>	<u>21,002.51</u>
Total Departmental Revenue			90,860.69

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Assessments:

Sewers Added to Taxes . .	936.46	
Unapportioned Sewers. . .	51.36	
Paid in Advance	<u>37.74</u>	1,025.56

Sidewalk Assessments:

Sidewalks Added to Taxes	179.55	
Unapportioned Sidewalks .	6.99	
Paid in Advance	<u>30.48</u>	<u>217.02</u>

Total Assessments Revenue			1,242.58
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CEMETERIES

Sales of Lots and Graves. .	1,000.00	
Graves Opened	385.00	
Foundation Installed. . . .	<u>28.06</u>	<u>1,413.06</u>

Total Cemetery Revenue			1,413.06
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INTEREST

On Deferred Taxes	1,533.31	
Tax Title Redeemed.	<u>21.76</u>	1,555.07

Special Assessments:

Sidewalks:	31.02	
Sewers:	<u>134.37</u>	165.39
On Motor Vehicle Excise	2.56	2.56

On Trusts and Investment Funds:

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	65.00	
Mary Mynott (Library) . .	22.50	
Cemetery Funds (General Care)	<u>1,954.49</u>	<u>2,041.99</u>

Total Interest Revenue			3,765.01
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue .	<u>300,000.00</u>	<u>300,000.00</u>	
Total Loan Revenue			300,000.00

COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

Dog License Fees--County	<u>2,106.20</u>	2,106.20
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Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care.	<u>700.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment		2,806.20
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REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

General Departments:

Town Accountant	12.25	
Town Hall20	
Police.	6.00	
Forest Fire	36.00	
Board of Health	6.25	
Schools	257.32	
Library	5.25	
Vocational Education. . .		
National Defense.	21.84	
National (Civilian) Defense	<u>.59</u>	345.70
Public Welfare.	67.50	
Aid to Dependent Children	153.00	
Old Age Assistance.	209.20	
Old Age Assistance Fed- eral Grant.	<u>94.00</u>	523.70
Parks	6.10	
Cemetery.	<u>8.16</u>	14.26
Hydrant Rental Service. .	906.66	
Dividend on Mutual Fire .		
Insurance	89.79	
Audit Workmen Comp. and Pub. Liability Insurance	1,021.07	
Return Premium Auto Fleet Insurance	12.38	
Federal Excise Tax-On Co-op. Bank Shares. . .	<u>2.20</u>	<u>2,032.09</u>

Total Refunds		2,922.29
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Total Commercial Revenue	<u>403,009.83</u>
Total General & Commercial Revenue	1,173,265.30

Cash on Hand--January 1, 1943	<u>300,240.32</u>
	1,473,505.62

EXPENDITURES

1943

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	60.00	60.00
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Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages:

Chairman.	550.00	
Two Members	900.00	
Assistant Clerk	1,340.00	
Additional Clerks	32.63	2,822.63
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	83.72
Printing and Advertising.	31.79
Travel, Mileage, Meals, etc.	10.65
Telephones.	203.96
Office Equipment Maintenance.	15.99
Taxi Drivers' Badges. . .	27.08
Miscellaneous	31.00

War Service Expenses:

War Bond Drives	148.98	553.17	
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Accountant:

Salaries and Wages:

Accountant.	2,700.00	
Clerical Assistance . . .	343.23	3,043.23
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Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	73.32	
Binding and Printing. . .	93.76	
Telephone	48.04	
Equipment and Maintenance	43.93	
Association Expenses and Dues	36.88	295.93
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		3,339.16

Treasurer:

Salaries and Wages:

Treasurer	2,040.00	
Clerk	910.00	2,950.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	136.01
Printing and Advertising.	90.03
Equipment Maintenance . .	53.49

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Telephone	38.95		
Surety Bonds and Insurance	316.66		
Certification of Notes. .	20.00		
Association Dues and Expenses.	19.05	674.19	3,624.19

Tax Collector:

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	2,600.00		
Clerk	1,250.00	3,850.00	

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	347.19		
Printing and Advertising	281.89		
Telephone	40.30		
Surety Bonds and Insurance	487.23		
Equipment Maintenance . .	45.68		
Deputy Collectors' Fees .	20.00		
Tax Taking and Recording Expenses.	25.68		
Association Dues and Expenses.	85.53	1,333.50	5,183.50

Assessors:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors- Two Members. .	900.00		
Clerk of Board.	2,200.00		
Clerical Assistance . . .	900.00	4,000.00	

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	79.09		
Printing and Advertising	168.46		
Use of Car @ \$1.50 per hour.	194.75		
Other Traveling Expenses.	43.77		
Telephone	39.70		
Equipment Maintenance . .	51.85		
Registry of Deeds-Abstracts, etc.	65.29		
Publications.	10.60	653.51	4,653.51

Law:

Salary of Town Counsel. .	1,200.00	1,200.00	
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Other Expenses:

Witness Fees.	11.00		
Travel Expenses	15.15		
Office Supplies	12.50		
Association Dues.	10.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses. .	22.00	70.65	1,270.65

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Town Clerk:

Salaries and Wages:

Town Clerk.	1,500.00	
Clerical Assistance . . .	<u>360.00</u>	1,860.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	151.16	
Printing and Advertising	137.45	
Telephone	77.46	
Surety Bonds and Insurance	35.60	
Equipment and Maintenance	34.26	
Association Dues and Ex-		
penses.	<u>21.99</u>	<u>457.92</u>

Election and Registration:

2,317.92

Salaries and Wages:

3 Registrars.	100.00	
Clerk of Board.	<u>100.00</u>	200.00

Other Salaries and Wages:

Relisting of Polls and		
Women Inhabitants . . .	1,141.75	
Election Officers, Counters		
and Tellers	<u>722.25</u>	1,864.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and		
Supplies.	91.61	
Poll List Books - 2M. . .	400.00	
Printing and Advertising	137.37	
Meals	<u>155.76</u>	<u>784.74</u>
		2,848.74

Engineering:

Salaries and Wages:

Engineer.	2,750.00	
Assistant Engineer. . . .	2,014.50	
Helper and Assistants . .	<u>1,431.91</u>	<u>6,196.41</u>

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and		
Supplies.	19.39	
Office Equipment.	66.00	
Telephone	<u>36.71</u>	<u>122.10</u>

Field Expenses:

Materials and Supplies. .	162.80	
Mileage and Travel. . . .	256.34	
Metallic Tape Line. . . .	4.65	
Setting Bounds - Ashland		
Avenue.	<u>103.00</u>	<u>526.79</u>

6,845.30

Town Hall:

Salaries and Wages:

Janitor	2,402.47	
Helpers	112.70	2,515.17

Other Expenses:

Fuel.	1,492.89		
Lights.	718.96		
Janitors' Supplies.	500.68		
Repairs	1,333.37		
Telephone	16.81		
Storm Windows	55.03		
Window Shades	47.04		
Water	32.90		
Miscellaneous	8.78	4,206.46	6,721.63

Planning Board:

Association Dues.	15.00		
Advertising	14.63	29.63	29.63

Rationing Board:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	204.35		
Telephone	397.63		
Equipment and Maintenance	107.16		
Office Furnishings and Repairs	56.92		
Moving Picture Film50	766.56	766.56

Salary and Wage Survey of 1942	500.00	500.00	500.00
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Retirement Fund Board:

Administration:	875.00	875.00	875.00
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Total General Government			42,411.59
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	3,000.00	
Patrolmen	35,302.12	
Special Police.	2,904.36	
Caretaker or Station. . .	1,516.84	
Labor - Painting Street Lines, etc.	280.54	43,003.86

Equipment and Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	640.09	
Gas, Oil, Etc	650.60	
Equipment for Men	139.85	
Photography and Finger- printing.	5.88	
Radio Equipment and Main- tenance	175.66	1,612.08

New Automobiles:

Ford-Two-Door Sedan . . .	1,153.97	1,153.97
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Fuel and Light:

Fuel.	416.52	
Light	347.50	764.02

Maintenance of Buildings and
Grounds:

Repairs	952.65	
Janitor's Supplies. . . .	233.54	
Water Service	22.81	
Rubbish Removal	14.00	1,223.00

Officer's and Prisoner's Ex-
penses:

Officer's Travel.	24.38	
Matron and Guards	3.00	
Feeding and Medical Care.	342.86	370.24

Traffic Control:

Labor (See Salary and Wages)		
Signs, Posts, Paint, Etc.	118.92	118.92

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	123.60	
Telephone and Police Sig- nals.	1,219.88	
Office Equipment	17.45	
Miscellaneous	32.05	1,392.98
		49,639.07

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	2,799.96	
Deputy Call Chief	350.00	
Permanent Firemen	31,117.16	
Call Men	3,229.37	
Superintendent of Alarms	300.00	
Assistant Clerk of Fire		
Department	100.00	
Other Employees	14.00	37,910.49

Equipment New and Additional:

Equipment for Men	109.57	
Accessories and Supplies	149.59	259.16

Equipment Maintenance and Repairs:

Radio Equipment and Main- tenance	38.40	
Apparatus Repairs	340.33	
Gas and Oil	343.44	
Alarm Boxes, Etc.	7.74	
Miscellaneous	28.50	758.41

Hydrant Service:	15,021.87	15,021.87
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Fuel, Light and Water:

Fuel	831.94	
Light	419.07	
Water	43.90	1,294.91

Maintenance of Building and
Grounds:

Repairs	2,157.96	
Furniture and Furnishings	342.60	
Laundry	85.44	
Janitor's Supplies and		
All Other	233.40	2,819.40

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Printing and Postage	57.95	
Telephone	171.25	
Office Equipment and Main- tenance	9.22	
Travel Expenses	66.82	
Food for Men	7.95	313.19

58,377.43

Forest Fire:

Salaries and Wages:

Warden	200.00	
Fighting Fires	1,297.00	1,497.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Expenses:

Apparatus Rental.	72.63		
Gasoline and Oil.	4.80		
Hose.	100.00		
2 Pump Tanks.	32.77		
Nozzles and Cable.	43.63		
Patches and Clamps.	5.41		
Fire Gauge and Grease Re- tainer.	7.65		
Misc. Materials and Sup- plies.	45.51		
Food for Fire Fighters.	43.05	355.45	1,852.45

Ambulance:

Repairs and Maintenance	208.14		
Gasoline and Oil.	4.91		
Materials and Supplies.	22.18		
Drivers' Expenses	8.24	243.47	243.47

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary of Sealer.	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Postage	3.00		
Advertising, legal.	2.44		
Travel Allowance.	300.00		
Wrench and Dies	8.82		
Tax Deduction Disallowed.50	314.76	1,614.76

Game Warden:

Salary.	100.00	100.00	100.00
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Dog Officer:

Salary.	-----	-----	
Other Expenses:			
Board and Feed.	222.00		
Killing and Burying	74.00	296.00	296.00

Street Lighting:

Street Lights	14,197.00		
Traffic Lights, Central and Hamilton Streets.	215.60	14,412.60	14,412.60

Animal Inspector:

Salary.	125.00	125.00	
Other Expenses:			
Postage	1.43		
Mileage for Travel.	44.91	46.34	171.34

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Building Inspector:

Salary of Inspector	300.00	300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Printing Stationery a n d			
Postage	24.69		
Travel Allowance @ \$1.00			
Per Week.	52.00	76.69	376.69

Wiring Inspector:

Salary of Inspector	300.00	300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Sheaffer Pocket Pen . . .	13.72		
Printing and Stationery.	32.16		
Travel Allowance @ 7¢ a			
Mile	38.64		
Travel Expense @ \$5.00 Per			
Month	10.00	94.52	
			394.52

Planting and Trimming Trees:

Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	524.00		
Labor	147.90	671.90	

Other Expenses:

Hardware and Tools.	22.87		
Tree Fertilizer	2.75		
Material and Supplies . .	7.50		
Truck Rental.	194.80	227.92	
			899.82

Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth:

Extermination:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent.	136.50		
Labor	142.90	279.40	

Other Expenses:

Truck Rental.	120.00	120.00	
			399.40

Total Protection of Persons and
Property

128,777.55

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health	283.34	
Board of Physician.	300.00	
School Physician.	699.98	
Agent	500.00	
Nurse	1,760.00	
Plumbing Inspector.	1,980.00	
Food and Provision In- spector	100.00	
Milk Inspector.	125.00	
Slaughtering Inspector.	350.00	
Dentists--Dental Clinic	700.00	6,798.32

Other Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	31.79	
Printing and Advertising	31.27	
Telephone	62.60	
Typist-T.B. Clinic.	17.00	
Miscellaneous	14.58	157.24

Quarantine and Contagious
Diseases:

Medical Attendance.	95.00	
Drugs and Medical Supplies	63.51	
Dry Goods and Clothing.	26.70	
Groceries and Provisions.	32.67	
Cash Aid.	197.00	
Hospitals	353.50	
Ambulance Service	35.00	
Cities and Towns.	148.57	
Miscellaneous	6.53	
State and County Sani- toriums	1,977.50	3,093.22

Vital Statistics:

Birth Returns	109.00	
Death Returns	33.75	142.75

Inspection Expenses:

Travel-Plumbing Inspector	97.35	
Travel-Food and Provisions	63.93	
Travel-Milk Inspector	112.90	
Travel-Nurse Inspector.	5.50	
Travel-Slaughtering In- spector	269.00	548.68

Dental Clinic Supplies:	25.36	25.36
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Equipment and Maintenance:

Milk Laboratory	347.00	347.00
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Expenses:

Burials	100.00		
Non-Alcoholic License . .	10.00		
Miscellaneous	3.70	113.70	

Garbage Collection:

Contract.	4,174.98	4,174.98	15,244.01

Sewer Maintenance Department:

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Commissioners	300.00		
Caretaker	2,043.20	2,343.20	

Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	17.18		
Telephone	60.13		
Miscellaneous	4.00	81.31	

General Expenses:

Tools and Equipment . . .	147.67		
Pipe and Fittings	36.51		
Miscellaneous Supplies. . .	49.27		
Sewer Line Repairs. . . .	53.60	287.05	

Cleaning Catch Basins:

Labor	663.80		
Trucks.	200.00	863.80	

Buildings and Grounds:

Building, Repairs and Ma- terial.	525.29		
Fuel.	31.60		
Lights.	9.75	566.64	

Truck and Tractor Maintenance:

Gas, Oil and Repairs. . .	343.20		
Garage Rent	53.00	396.20	4,538.20

Total Health and Sanitation:

19,782.21

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

HIGHWAYS--SNOW AND ICE

General Administration:

Salary of Commissioners . .	600.00	
Salary of Superintendent. .	1,980.00	2,580.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	52.25	
Telephone	117.12	
Miscellaneous	2.25	171.62

General Maintenance:

Labor	15,692.05	
Truck Hire.	32.00	
Equipment and Repairs . .	59.23	
Equipment Rental.	851.50	
Crushed, stone, Gravel and Etc	1,029.87	
Tarvis, Road, Oil and Etc	1,748.44	
Other Road Material and Supplies.	3,497.01	
Miscellaneous	137.40	23,047.50

Automotive and Road Machinery:

Repairs and Maintenance .	3,375.04	
Gas, Oil, Etc	2,521.30	
Moving of Roller.	56.25	
Miscellaneous	20.07	5,972.66

New Road Machinery:

Frink Snow Flow	400.00	
2 Sand and Cinder Spreaders	600.00	
Nelson Bucket Boom.	665.00	1,665.00

Tarring Breakneck Road:	455.00	455.00
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Buildings and Grounds:

Maintenance and Repairs.	597.67	
Fuel, Lights and Water. .	229.59	
All Others.	12.00	839.26
		34,731.04

Town Dump and Rubbish:

Labor	1,075.00	
Rental of Town Dump	125.00	
Rubbish Collection.	2,123.33	3,323.33
		3,323.33

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	5,667.18
Trucks.	567.50
Rock, Salt, Sand and Gravel	432.30
Country Roads	4.50

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Food and Meals.	166.40		
Shovel Rental	113.75		
Garage.	40.00	<u>6,991.63</u>	6,991.63
Chapter 90 Maintenance--State and Country Aid NO. 8807:			
Hamilton Street:			
Labor	55.40		
Truck Hire.	18.00	<u>73.40</u>	
Worcester Street:			
Labor	268.90		
Truck Hire.	90.00		
Tarvis.	183.09	<u>541.99</u>	
Mechanic Street:			
Labor	44.00		
Truck Hire.	6.00	<u>50.00</u>	
North Woodstock Road--Old and New:			
Labor.	909.62		
Truck Hire.	127.50		
Road Oil and Tar.	324.35		
Equipment Rental.	267.20	<u>1,628.67</u>	
Dresser Hill Road:			
Labor	147.85		
Truck Hire.	96.00		
Road Oil and Tar.	402.94	<u>646.79</u>	
River Road:			
Labor	227.60		
Truck Hire.	60.00		
Road Oil and Tar.	121.60	<u>409.20</u>	
			<u>3,349.96</u>
Total Highways			<u>48,395.96</u>

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00	
Supervisor.	680.00	
Clerks.	880.00	
Child Welfare Supervisor (see also Child Welfare Service)	429.00	2,639.00

General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	10.54	
Telephones.	144.32	
Mileage and Travel Allow- ance.	323.46	
Miscellaneous	11.76	490.08

Outside Relief:

Groceries and Provisions.	5,375.29	
Fuel.	849.60	
Medicine and Medical Care	2,345.02	
Hospital Care	1,221.25	
Rent.	1,470.80	
Clothing.	423.47	
Cash Grants	4,173.00	
Board and Care (local).	2,824.50	
State Institutions.	1,696.85	
Private Institutions.	248.79	
Household Furniture and Moving.	35.75	
Burials	200.00	
Electric Power at Infirm- ary	60.00	
Miscellaneous	17.62	20,941.94

Relief by Other Cities and Towns:

Cities.	961.52	
Towns	647.37	1,608.89

Truck Expenses:

Gas and Oil	117.55	
Repairs and Maintenance	24.50	142.05
		25,821.96

Aid to Dependent Children:

From Town Appropriation:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	440.00	
Clerks.	220.00	660.00

Administration:

(see Aid To Dependent
Children-Federal Grants)

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	4,731.83	4,731.83	
			5,391.83

Aid to Dependent Children:

From Federal Grants:

Salaries and Wages:

Clerks.	421.00	421.00	
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Administration:

Travel Expenses	45.00		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	82.05	127.05	

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	2,243.89	2,243.89	2,791.94
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Old Age Assistance:

From Town Appropriation:

From Town Appropriation:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00		
Supervisor.	880.00		
Clerks.	440.00	1,770.00	

Administration Expenses:

(see Old Age Assistance- Federal Grants).	2.65	2.65	
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Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	39,563.96		
Cities and Towns.	533.52	40,097.48	41,870.13

Old Age Assistance:

From Federal Grants:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor.	300.00		
Clerks.	158.10	458.10	

Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	17.70		
Travel Allowance.	123.29	140.99	

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	28,056.48		
Cities and Towns.	619.38		
Medical Care.	24.00	28,699.86	29,298.95

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Child Welfare Service:

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor.	960.00	
Clerks.	<u>542.11</u>	1,502.11

Office Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	18.96	
Telephone	<u>51.15</u>	70.11

Field Expenses:

Mileage and Travel. . . .	<u>173.22</u>	<u>173.22</u>	
			1,745.44

Infirmary:

Salary of Superintendent. .	<u>1,800.00</u>	1,800.00
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Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions.	2,270.58		
Clothing and Household. .			
Furnishings	199.60		
Buildings and Boiler Con- version	700.73		
Fuel, Light and Water . .	874.39		
Travel Expense.	15.40		
Medical Care and Supplies	385.35		
Telephone	39.01		
Miscellaneous	<u>42.35</u>	<u>4,527.41</u>	
			6,327.41

Soldiers' Benefits:

General Administration:

Salary of Agent	720.00	720.00
Travel and Mileage. . . .	351.55	351.55

Relief Benefits:

State Aid-Cash Grants . .	630.00	
Military Aid-Cash Grants.	740.00	
War Allowance - 2nd World War-Cash Grants	896.00	
Fuel and Light.	319.29	
Groceries and Provisions.	1,151.11	
Cash Grants and Rent. . .	3,706.56	
Medicine and Hospital Care	689.59	
Clothing, etc.	<u>105.00</u>	<u>8,237.55</u>
		9,309.10

Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits

9,309.10
<u>122,556.76</u>

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools:

General Control Salaries:

Superintendent.	4,771.66	
Clerks.	2,269.58	
Attendance Officer.	386.70	
School Census	<u>103.00</u>	7,530.94

General Control Expenses:

Printing, Stationery and Postage	675.32	
Telephone	188.66	
Traveling Expenses.	179.42	
Automobile Maintenance and Operation	179.40	
Books, Periodicals, Etc.	49.50	
Simpson, Teachers' Salary Survey.	400.00	
Newsboys Badges	30.26	
Insurance on Camera Equipment.	55.94	
Typewriter Maintenance.	<u>8.00</u>	1,766.50

Instruction Salaries:

High School Principal	4,112.90	
High School Teachers.	40,335.63	
Elementary School Teachers	74,369.47	
Evening School Teachers	520.00	
Household Arts Teachers	3,311.29	
Continuation School Teachers.	<u>208.49</u>	122,857.78

Auxiliary Agencies Salaries:

School Physician.	1,388.88	
School Nurse.	1,714.21	
Clerks in High School Principal Office.	<u>1,323.33</u>	4,426.42

Operation of Plant Salaries:

High School Janitors.	5,080.86	
Elementary School Janitors	7,664.14	
Evening School Janitors	263.41	
Helpers, Etc.	<u>709.81</u>	13,718.22

High School

Text and Reference Books.	1,227.78	
Supplies.	1,769.27	
Typewriters, Machines, Etc.	<u>87.50</u>	3,084.55

Elementary Schools:

Text and Reference Books.	1,074.17	
Supplies.	<u>2,673.37</u>	3,747.54

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Visual Education Supplies	514.13	514.13	
Household Arts Supplies	331.55	331.55	
Continuation Classes Supplies	14.43	14.43	
Evening Classes Supplies.	37.24	37.24	
Auxiliary Agency Expenses:			
Transportation of Pupils.	10,332.07		
Transportation of Nurse	200.00		
Transportation of Teachers	428.02		
Telephone-Nurse	37.50		
Tuition at Other Schools.	66.75		
Miscellaneous Supplies.	30.74	11,095.08	
New Furniture and Mechanical Instruction Expenses:			
High School	564.52		
Elementary Schools.	4,807.05		
Visual Education.	77.12	5,448.69	
Operation of Plant Expenses:			
Fuel, Light and Water:			
High School	1,911.51		
Elementary Schools.	5,669.62	7,581.13	
Telephones:			
High School	80.54		
Elementary Schools	207.42	287.96	
Janitors' Supplies:			
High School	665.03		
Elementary Schools.	1,241.15	1,906.18	
Maintenance of Plant Expenses:			
Buildings and Grounds:			
High School Repairs	1,251.01		
Miscellaneous	58.47		
Elementary School Repairs	2,916.19		
Miscellaneous	320.47	4,546.14	
Other Expenses:			
Graduation Expenses:			
Diplomas, Etc	99.21		
Miscellaneous Printing and Postage	206.02		
Miscellaneous	69.60	374.83	188,969.31

Robert H. Cole Trade School:

General Control and Instruction:

Salaries:

Director.	4,372.98	
Clerks.	2,875.80	
Instructors	<u>25,876.28</u>	33,125.06

General Control Expenses:

Telephone, Postage and Stationery.	214.60	
Travel Expenses	<u>109.40</u>	324.00

Instruction Expenses:

Text Books, Supplies and Shop Materials	3,327.34	
Shop Equipment.	<u>1,144.63</u>	4,471.97

Operation of Plant Salaries:

Janitor's, Helpers, Etc .	<u>2,918.45</u>	2,918.45
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Operation of Plant Expenses:

Fuel, Light and Water . .	19,091.42	
Furniture and Furnishings	<u>65.68</u>	19,157.10

Maintenance of Buildings and
Grounds:

Repairs	848.32	
Janitor's Supplies. . . .	494.16	
Alterations and Additions	658.04	
Miscellaneous	<u>114.71</u>	2,115.23

Evening Classes:

Teacher's Salaries. . . .	12.00	
Clerk's Salaries.	148.50	
Janitor's Salaries. . . .	<u>102.00</u>	262.50

Material and Supplies . . .	<u>2.00</u>	2.00
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Other Expenses:

Graduation Expenses . . .	<u>45.51</u>	<u>45.51</u>	45,239.82
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Total Expenditures from Town

Appropriations.			234,209.13
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Smith-Hughes School Fund:

Teacher's Salaries:

Continuation Classes. . .	45.60	
Household Art Classes . .	143.84	
Vocational Classes. . . .	<u>4,788.71</u>	4,978.15

George-Deen School Fund:
Teachers' Salaries:

Vocational Classes. . . .	<u>7,307.20</u>	<u>7,307.20</u>	<u>12,285.35</u>
			246,794.48

Vocational Education of National
Defense Workers-Federal Funds:

Supervisor-Salaries:

Director.	1,125.00		
Director's Assistant. . .	288.00		
Clerks.	<u>802.00</u>	2,215.00	

Expenses:

Travel and Communication.	306.23		
Office Supplies	<u>22.92</u>	329.15	

Instruction - Salaries

Teachers and Assistants .	<u>7,789.94</u>	7,789.94	
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Expenses:

Supplies.	722.40		
Maintenance and Equipment	454.95		
Building Operation. . . .	<u>1,443.01</u>	<u>2,620.36</u>	<u>12,954.45</u>

Total School Expenditures 259,748.93

Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:

Librarian	2,183.30		
Assistants.	2,372.46		
Janitor	<u>1,523.04</u>	6,078.80	

Books and Periodicals:

Books	2,575.87		
Periodicals	<u>223.15</u>	2,799.02	

Binding:

Books and Periodicals . .	<u>223.78</u>	223.78	
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Fuel and Light. -----

Building:

Repairs	88.74		
Furniture and Furnishings	-----	-----	
Other Expenses.	<u>40.35</u>	129.09	

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies	248.17		
Telephone	-----	<u>248.17</u>	

Total Library Expenditures from Town Appropriation: 9,478.86

Library Expenditures from Trust Funds
in Control of Trustees
(see Library Trustees' Report)

Total Schools and Library 269,227.79

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:

Parks:

Maintenance of Legion Plots	135.00	
Dresser Street Playground		
Labor	195.00	
Equipment	2.50	
Loam.	10.00	
Water Service	22.61	368.11
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Playgrounds:

Instructors Salaries. . .	2,030.00	
Travel Expenses	28.90	
Equipment and Maintenance	193.01	
Material and Supplies . .	347.92	
Game Sets, Etc.	197.61	2,797.44
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World War Memorial:

Labor	6.90	
Plants, Trees, Fertilizer		
and supplies.	148.65	
Water and Lights.	21.99	
Material and Supplies . .	21.93	199.47
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Swimming Pool Operation Acc't:

Instructors Salaries. . .	600.00	
Material and Supplies . .	22.32	
Stone, Sand, and Gravel .	146.48	
Labor	180.25	949.05
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		4,314.07

Unclassified:

2nd World War Honor Roll:

Dedication.	80.00	
Fence, Post and Chain . .	65.40	
Material and Supplies . .	153.35	298.75
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Damage to Person and Property:	618.00	618.00
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Memorial Day Celebration:	242.47	
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Armistic Day Celebration:	150.00	392.47
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Printing Town and Finance
Committee Reports (2500 each)

Town Reports.	980.10	
Finance Reports	249.20	
Indexing.	12.00	1,241.30
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Pensions (Non-Contributory)

Police-Chapter 32:	1,622.14	
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School Janitors (Vet's Act)	1,348.59	2,970.73
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Insurance:

Fire:

Buildings and Contents. .	4,222.29
War Damage.	1,955.56
Automotive Equipment. . .	1,423.89

Casualty and Liability:

Automotive Liability. . .	966.32	
Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability. . . .	1,666.63	
Boiler Explosion Liability	212.13	
World War Honor Roll. . .	52.50	10,499.32

Town Clock: 60.00

Water and Ice:

Water and Bubbler Repairs	69.07	
Ice	248.09	317.16

Tailings: 3.60 3.60 16,401.33

1942 Outstanding Bills:

Election & Registration Department.	7.65
Street Lights	31.32
Board of Health	9.95
Sewer Department.	106.88
Highways.	6.05

Public Welfare and Soldiers
Relief:

Schools	14.77	
Town Clock.	4.16	
Water and Ice	9.18	
Marcy Street Drain. . . .	.50	
Cemetery and Parks. . . .	9.70	242.36

Total Recreation and Unclassified 20,957.76

CEMETERY

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Salaries:

Superintendent.	500.00	
Labor	3,371.15	3,871.15

Other Expenses:

Loam, Fertilizer, Etc.. .	149.25
Flowers and Trees	62.00
Equipment, Maintenance and Tools	328.96
Team Hire	150.00
Equipment Rental.	65.00
Truck Hire.	32.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Gasoline and Oil.	25.99	
Material, Supplies and		
All Others.	<u>151.61</u>	<u>964.81</u>
Total Cemeteries		4,835.96

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Poor Farm Hill Road: (Completed in 1943)

Contract.	3,517.50	
Surfacing Compound. . . .	124.67	
Curb Inlet.	<u>2.35</u>	<u>3,644.52</u>

Breakneck Road Widening: (Completed in 1943)

Contract.	1,422.40	
Cable, Fence and Posts. . .	80.60	
Surfacing Compound. . . .	<u>462.50</u>	<u>1,965.50</u>

Dresser Hill Road: (Completed in 1943)

Surfacing Compound. . . .	<u>1,366.43</u>	<u>1,366.43</u>
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Worcester Street Sewer: (Continued from 1942)

Labor:

Foreman	84.00	
Other Labor	167.03	
Equipment Rental.	165.75	
Pipe.	96.04	
Manholes.	197.20	
Materials and Supplies. . .	34.23	
Workmen's Compensation		
Insurance	<u>64.53</u>	<u>808.78</u>

Paige Hill and Charlton Street Drain:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent (General). .	200.00	
Assistant Superintendent. .	226.88	
2nd Asst. Superintendent. .	130.01	
Labors.	<u>1,057.38</u>	

Pipe, Concrete Blocks, Etc.	784.91	
Manholes and Catch Basins	<u>214.00</u>	

Equipment Rental:

Trucks.	358.95	
Shovel and Grader	596.23	
Compressor and Pump	94.10	
Roller.	<u>14.00</u>	<u>3,676.46</u>

Sewer Purchases:

Lapierre Avenue	162.61	
Fiske Street.	109.58	
Newell Avenue Extension . .	<u>49.82</u>	<u>322.01</u>

Total Special Accounts

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

NATIONAL DEFENSE- PUBLIC SAFETY

National Defense:

Administration -----

Auxiliary Fire Service:

Equipment for Men	76.85	
Equipment and Maintenance	<u>15.14</u>	91.99

Auxiliary Police:

Advertising for Bids. . .	7.31	
Arm Bands	2.08	
50 Uniforms	<u>1,884.14</u>	1,893.53

Air Raid Warden Equipment:

Arm Bands	10.09	10.09
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Report Center:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	9.55	
Telephones.	236.53	
Equipment and Maintenance	6.78	
Maps.	<u>2.82</u>	255.68

Air Raid Precaution School:

Travel Expenses	10.00	
Film Rental Expenses. . .	5.53	
Pine Frame.	<u>.59</u>	16.12

Identification:

Printing	10.83	
Supplies.	<u>25.19</u>	36.02

Uniforms and Supplies:

Officers Uniforms and Shoes	<u>407.38</u>	<u>407.38</u>
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Total National Defense

2,710.81

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

INTEREST:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue .	591.63	
Anticipation of Chapter 90 Reimbursements . . .	<u>3.42</u>	595.05

General Loans:

School Bonds.	2,990.00	
1938 Storm Damage Loan. .	100.00	
County T. B. Hospital Loan	<u>1,551.67</u>	<u>4,641.67</u>

2,236.72

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

MATURING DEBT:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	300,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue	<u>3,000.00</u>	303,000.00

General Loans:

School Bonds	13,000.00	
1938 Storm Damage	10,000.00	
County T. B. Hospital Dis- trict	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>28,300.00</u>
		<u>331,300.00</u>
Total Interest and Maturing Debt		<u>336,536.72</u>

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

State Tax	12,650.00	
State Auditing Tax.	472.79	
State Parks and Reservations	435.46	
State Examination -Retire- ment System	<u>40.80</u>	<u>13,599.05</u>
County Tax	21,884.02	
County T. B. Hospital Maintenance	<u>9,814.68</u>	<u>31,695.70</u>
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County.	<u>2,106.20</u>	<u>2,106.20</u>
Federal Withholding Tax	<u>17,529.10</u>	<u>17,529.10</u>

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.	<u>700.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>
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Other Permanent Trusts:

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	7.98	
Mary Mynott (Library)	<u>8.34</u>	<u>16.32</u>
		<u>65,649.37</u>

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Taxes	110.49	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.	<u>156.29</u>	<u>266.78</u>

Transfers:

Retirement System Admini- stration (See General Government)		
Pension Accumulation Fund and Deficiency.	<u>8,457.09</u>	<u>8,457.09</u>
		<u>8,723.97</u>

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Total Payments for 1943	1,085,241.37
Cash on Hand- December 31, 1943	<u>388,264.25</u>
	1,473,505.62

LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS December 31, 1943

Selectmen:

Town Hall Account	105.34
Water and Ice	<u>80.60</u>

Infirmary:	<u>20.03</u>
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205.97

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

Town Accountant

FIXED DEBT RECORD

(Including County T.B. Hospital District Loan of 1933)

Due In	County T. B. Hospital Dist. 1933--79,800	P.W.A. School 1936--152,490	P.W.A. School 1938--80,000	Amount Due Annually
1944	5,300.00	9,000.00	4,000.00	18,300.00
1945	5,300.00	9,000.00	4,000.00	18,300.00
1946	5,300.00	9,000.00	4,000.00	18,300.00
1947	5,300.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	17,300.00
1948	5,300.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	15,300.00
1949		6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1950		6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1951		6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1952		6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1953		6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1954		6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1955		6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1956		6,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
1957			4,000.00	4,000.00
1958			4,000.00	4,000.00
	26,500.00	89,000.00	60,000.00	175,500.00

REPORT OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

This department has the honor to submit its report for the year 1943. Following is a list of work accomplished for that year.

Inspection of New Construction.

Completion of Breakneck Road
Poor Farm Hill Road
West St. Sewer
Paige Hill Drain
Charlton St. Drain
Roumanian Ave. Grading

New Plans and Estimates.

Swimming Pool Sewer
Fiske St. Sewer
Pleasant St. Sidewalk
Chapin St. Sidewalk
Warren St. Drain
Hamilton St. Drain
Proulx Ave. Drain

New Streets Laid Out.

Roumanian Ave.
Cisco St.
Lapierre Ave.

Bounds Located and Placed.

New Breakneck Road
New Poor Farm Hill Road
Hillside Road
Jacobs Road
Durfee St.
Roumanian Ave.
Cisco St.
Lapierre Ave.
Ashland Ave.
Fairmount Ave.
West St.

Laid out plots for Victory Gardens.

South St. (Harrington Prop.)
Elm St.
Henry St.
Paige Hill
Forest Ave.
Hillside
Dupaul Central (Eastford Rd.)
Lebanon Hill Rd.
Newall Ave.

Considerable time was spent on laying out new lots at Oak Ridge Cemetery also the laying out of the new land taking on No. Woodstock Rd. Gave Street lines to property owners, New England Tel-Tel for setting poles, line and grade to Gas and Electric and Water Supply for the laying of pipes. Gave street numbers to owners of all new buildings, showing known boundaries and sewers for the new development and dormitory to the Federal Engineers, as well as assist State and County Engineers variously.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD

INCOME

Balance of December 31, 1942			\$ 30,721.43
Members' Contributions:			
Group 1	\$ 3,973.19		
Group 2	2,354.71		
		\$ 6,327.90	
Voluntary additional Contributions:			
Group 1			75.00
From Town:			
Accrued Liability	5,450.00		
Normal Liability	2,761.00		
Interest Deficiency	246.09		
Administration Expenses	875.00		
		9,332.09	
From Interest:			
Interest on Bonds and Stocks	262.50		
Interest on Co-operative Shares	60.00		
Interest on Deposits	58.45		
		380.95	
From Other Sources:			
Gross Increase, by adjustment of			
Ledger Assets:			
U. S. Savings Bonds	375.00		
Bank Stocks	175.00		
Co-operative Serial Shares	40.80		
		590.80	
			16,706.74
			47,428.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity Payments:			
Group 1	278.96		
Group 2	68.16		
		347.12	
Pension Payments:			
Group 1	4,776.20		
Group 2	3,903.96		
		8,680.16	
Refunds:			
Deposits and Interest Group 1	1,132.87		
Deposits and Interest Group 2	218.58		
		1,351.45	
Administrative Expenses:			
Salaries	576.75		
Supplies and Expenses	257.68		
		834.43	
Gross Decrease by Amortization of			
Ledger Assets	75.00		
		75.00	
Total Disbursements:			11,288.16
Balance December 31, 1943			36,140.01

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1943

ASSETS

Bonds at Book Value	\$ 22,995.00	
Stocks at Book Value	4,950.00	
Co-operative Shares at Book Value	5,040.80	
Deposits in Banks not at Interest	479.45	
Deposits in Banks at Interest	2,656.96	
Cash on hand December 31, 1943	17.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 36,140.01

NON LEDGER ASSETS

Interest accrued on Bonds	31.25	
Interest accrued on Co-operative Shares	50.00	
Interest accrued on Stocks	75.00	
	<hr/>	156.25
Interest Deficiency to be appropriated by the Town		<hr/>
		71.37
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		36,367.63

LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Fund:		
Group 1	16,667.75	
Group 2	7,286.09	
	<hr/>	23,953.84
Annuity Reserve Fund:		
Group 1	2,187.72	
Group 2	493.60	
	<hr/>	2,681.32
Pension Reserve Fund:		
Group 1		101.05
Pension Accumulation Fund:		9,582.01
Expense Fund:		49.41
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		\$ 36,367.73

Schedule of Membership for 1943

Enrolled Members:	
Group 1	
Males	50
Females	20
Group 2	
Males	23
Membership December 31, 1943	<hr/>
	93

Of the above fourteen (14) members are retired and receiving monthly pensions.

J. ALFRED DUMAS, Chairman

JOHN G. CLARKE

JOS. E. DESROSIER

Retirement Board

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

February 3, 1944

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Since our report of a year ago our Board, for several months, operated under the Worcester District Office which was later changed so that now most of our business transactions are with the Regional Office in Boston; Worcester functioning as an area office under Boston.

In 1943 additional rationed commodities were announced by the Government such as processed foods, meats and fats and automobiles. With respect to motor cars the Southbridge Board has jurisdiction over new cars bought and sold in Dudley, Webster, Oxford, Charlton and Sturbridge.

Last year definite prices were applied to practically all wearing apparel in addition to food. Indeed, a ceiling has also been fixed on restaurant and liquor store prices.

Rationing and prices in the local office require seven full time clerks and one part time clerk who are paid by the Government. In addition there are 11 panel members, many volunteer assistants and a General Chairman all of whose services are given without compensation.

To assist in stabilizing prices a group of volunteers through the Civilian Defense Committee called at the homes of our townspeople in behalf of the Home Front Pledge Campaign, obtaining signatures to hundreds of pledge blanks not to pay beyond ceiling prices and not to purchase rationed goods without coupons.

The Local Board has been a State pioneer in holding retail merchants meetings, giving service pins to volunteers with 50 hours of service and stamping all coupons with registration number and name of State to relieve the holder of the task.

Although regulations allow 10 days to act on applications it has been our aim to render the quickest possible service for rationed commodities frequently phoning Boston in border-line cases where regulations seemed to limit local board action.

To keep abreast with official regulations we have occasionally had one or more staff members at meetings held out of town considering it important to be familiar with all phases of price and rationing. Heretofore public transportation expense has been assumed by individuals in our office but since we feel these trips are made in the interest of our citizens and as the Government does not provide funds for such purpose we understand in future we may seek reimbursement from the town.

We have always been ready to discuss with our merchants their rationing problems. Indeed, during the year we had a meat expert make a public demonstration on how to carve meat so that it could be sold at a profit by our local dealers.

We find as time passes the spirit of co-operation on the part of our public becomes noticeably better--that increased interest in the matter of keeping down the cost of living is very apparent and that Southbridge citizens may be justly praised for their willingness to accept the disruption in our mode of living that is bound to exist under present war conditions.

Our Board wishes to thank one and all for the support given us.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR KAY, Chairman

War Price & Rationing Board #135.284

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

First, The Committee wish to thank the School Department for their help and co-operation, especially

Mr. Paul E. Dion
Miss Thecla Fitzgerald
Mr. Raoul Lataille
Mr. Edward Desroches
Mr. William Nickerson

for the wonderful job they did at the pool. Due to the shortage of labor, as we all know if these good people had not offered their help, your Committee could not have opened the pool and had the supervision that we had last summer.

Again the Committee thank these good people.

EMIL J. MARTIN, Chairman
JOHN CLARKE
DR. RAYMOND HALING
LEOPOLD H. LEMMELIN

Opening

The Southbridge Swimming Pool was opened for the first time on Saturday June 26, 1943.

Supervision

It was opened under dual supervision, namely:

"The Southbridge Swimming Pool Building Committee"
Mr. Emil Martin, Chairman
"The School Department" Summer Playgrounds
Paul E. Dion, Director

The School Department assisted as follows:

1. It procured personnel
2. It procured immediate supervision
3. It appropriated deficit
4. It provided playground equipment

Length of Season

June 26 - September 6 (inc).
Total of 73 days

Time in Operation

Saturday	- 9 A.M.	- 9 P.M.*
Sunday	- 12 M.	- 9 P.M.
Monday	- 12 M.	- 9 P.M.
Tuesday	- 12 M.	- 9 P.M.
Wednesday	- 12 M.	- 9 P.M.
Thursday	- 12 M.	- 9 P.M.
Friday	- 12 M.	- 9 P.M.

Total hours per week - 66 hours

* Closing time varied during the summer according to the length of days. The swimming pool was closed as soon as darkness set in.

Personnel

1. Paul E. Dion, Supervisor
2. Miss Thecla Fitzgerald, Water Instructor
3. Raoul Lataille, Life Guard
4. Edward Desroches, Life Guard
5. William Nickerson, Life Guard

Note - All five were certified Red Cross Senior Life Guards. Moreover, Miss Fitzgerald was an approved Red Cross Life Guard and Water Safety Instructor

Attendance

Attendance	19,928*
Average daily attendance	272

The unusually cool August weather brought attendance figures down. Figuring the average daily attendance for July alone we get an average of 384 per day - for August alone 165 per day.

Greatest attendance for one day - 1000

The method of attendance taken agreed upon by the Recreation Congress is that an estimate or actual count be made twice a day, afternoon and evening, at the hours when the attendance is greatest, adding the two counts to secure the total attendance for the day.

Safety

Accidents - 1 major accident - that occurred on the opening day at the children's beach where a shallow dive resulted in a bad head cut. First aid administered 450 times for minor cuts and bruises.

Rescues - 16 rescues

- 7 shore or wading rescues
- 1 boat rescue
- 8 swimming rescues

Instruction

The Water Safety Instructor, Miss Thecla Fitzgerald supervised swimming and life saving under Red Cross regulations and the following bear out her efforts -

- 11 passed the Senior Life Saving Course
- 6 passed the Junior Life Saving Course
- 20 passed the Beginners' swimming requirements
- 2 passed the Intermediate swimming requirements
- 39 Total

Many others started the various courses and because of illness, work or vacations were unable to finish.

Water Safety Equipment Used

- 1 boat
- 1 pole
- 6 flutter boards
- 1 life line
- 1 15" buoy
- 2 first aid kits

* Remark on attendance taking.

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

At the annual town meeting one thousand dollars was voted to erect and maintain an Honor Roll of the men and women of Southbridge in the armed Services of our country.

The Honor Roll Committee accepted the offer of the Trade School Alumni Association to build and erect an Honor Roll without cost to the town.

We wish to express our appreciation to the trustees of the Jacob Edwards Library for permission to place the Honor Roll on the lawn at the Library.

The Honor Roll was presented to the town on July Fourth, from which time this committee has supervised the expense of maintenance.

At the time of this report there are 1714 names on this Honor Roll.

Of the one thousand dollars appropriated there was a balance of \$701.25.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD BEAUREGARD, Chairman
DORIS M. LOISELLE, Secretary
RAYMOND BENOIT
ARMAND DEANGELIS
RENALDO GUERTIN
EDMUND RYAN

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Southbridge.

We submit our report of activities for the year of 1943. The Board has issued 63 permits for Sewer Connections from dwellings.

Old Charlton Road Sewer line was extended across to the lower part of Worcester Street where it is now serving three quarters of the lower part of that street, poor engineering and estimating held us from completing this particular line.

During 1943 we cleaned our Sludge beds, this was requested by the Department of Public Health of our State who have direct supervision over our Sewer Department.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD ALLARD, Chairman

GEORGE LAFLECHE, Clerk

PIERRE BENOIT

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

for the
YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1943

SCHOOL COMMITTEE--1943-1944

Arthur H. Gaumond, Chairman, 45 South Street.....	1945
Joseph S. Normandin, 14 Dresser Street.....	1945
George M. Metras, 346 Charlton Street.....	1944
Nestor L. Pontbriand, 12 Cohasse Street.....	1944
Hector M. LeClair, Lebanon Hill.....	1946
John E. Farland, 30 Park Street.....	1946

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Channing H. Greene Residence, 35 Orchard Street

Office: High School Building, Tel. 365

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P. M.; Saturdays: 9:00 to 11:30 A. M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 7:30 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street..... Tel. 1108

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street..... Tel. 984
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street..... Tel. 32

SCHOOL NURSE

Winifred V. King, 91 Elm Street..... Tel. 1340-W

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Raoul O. Lataille, 79 High Street..... Tel. 1674-J

SCHOOL CALENDAR --1944

Winter term, seven weeks	January 3--February 18
Spring term, seven weeks	February 28--April 14
Summer term, nine weeks	April 24--June 23
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 6--December 22

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A. M. will indicate no morning session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7:15 A. M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12:30 P. M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12:30 P. M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of the Worcester County Electric Company.*

* Light signals are omitted during winter months due to wartime daylight saving.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submits the following report of the finances of the School Department of the Town for the year closing December 31, 1943:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In brief:

Total expenditures.....	\$249,891.92	
Total receipts returned to Town...		
Treasurer.....	59,051.59	
Net Cost to the Town.....		<u>190,840.33</u>

In detail:

Receipts to School Department:		
Appropriation.....	244,007.00	
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S.		
Government.....	5,026.44	
Bal. Dec. 31, 1943..	<u>48.29</u>	4,978.15
George-Deen Fund....	8,734.18	
Bal. Dec. 31, 1943..	<u>1,426.98</u>	<u>7,307.20</u>
Total Funds Available.....		<u>256,292.35</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL.....		9,018.12
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:		
Transportation.....	10,333.57	
Tuition to other schools.....	<u>87.60</u>	
Total--Auxiliary Agencies.....		<u>10,421.17</u>

HIGH SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	46,488.09	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks.....	1,032.56	
Supplies.....	2,085.33	
Other expenses.....	<u>334.21</u>	
Operation of plant.....	8,709.08	
Maintenance of plant.....	<u>1,333.43</u>	
Capital outlay.....	595.52	
Total--High School.....		<u>60,578.22</u>

Amount Forward.....\$80,017.51

Amount Forward.....

\$ 80,017.51

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Instruction salaries.....	74,279.25
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks.....	758.45
Supplies.....	2,759.41
Other Expenses.....	403.14
Operation of plant.....	14,866.06
Maintenance of plant.....	3,095.05
Capital outlay.....	5,273.12

Total--Elementary Schools

101,434.46

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	37,207.93
Instruction expenses.....	
Textbooks.....	209.47
Supplies.....	2,392.95
Other expenses.....	318.69
Operation of plant.....	5,575.58
Maintenance of plant.....	2,312.74
Capital outlay.....	954.43

Total--Vocational School.....

56,309.03

ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	520.00
Instruction expenses.....	30.49
Other expenses.....	-----
Operation of plant.....	86.50

Total--Elementary Evening School

638.99

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE:

Salary.....	386.70
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Total--Compulsory Attendance..

386.70

MEDICAL SERVICE:

Salary.....	1,388.88
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Total--Medical Service

1,388.88

NURSE SERVICE:

Salary.....	1,714.24
Other expenses.....	247.39

Total--Nurse Service

1,961.63

Amount Forward.....

\$242,137.22

Amount Forward.....

\$242,137.22

DOMESTIC SCIENCE:

Salaries.....	3,052.53
Textbooks.....	26.15
Supplies.....	132.35
Maintenance.....	40.86
Capital outlay.....	-----

Total--Domestic Science.....

3,251.89

CONTINUATION SCHOOL:

Supplies.....	14.43
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Total--Continuation School

14.43

HOUSEHOLD ARTS:

Supplies.....	132.34
Other Instruction expenses.....	-----

Total--Household Arts.....

132.34

EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	324.50
Instruction expenses:	
Supplies.....	30.00
Operation of plant.....	104.00
Maintenance of plant.....	-----
Capital Outlay.....	6.75

Total--Evening Vocational School

465.25

SUMMER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	519.75
Instruction expenses:	
Supplies.....	-----

Total--Summer Vocational Schhol

519.75

VISUAL AIDS:

Instruction expenses:	
Supplies.....	415.40
Maintenance of plant.....	81.08
Capital outlay.....	77.12

Total--Visual Aids

573.60

PLAYGROUNDS:

Instruction salaries.....	2,030.00
Doctor salaries.....	-----
Other expenses.....	767.44

Total--Playgrounds

2,797.44

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....

\$249,891.92

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1943

6,400.43
<u>256,292.35</u>

RECEIPTS RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER

Massachusetts School Fund.	\$11,898.35
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant.	8,580.74
Vocational School (Day) State Grant (Summer)	693.00
Vocational School--General Vocational.	5,480.33
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant.	1,132.50
Household Arts--State Grant.	1,653.86
Continuation School--State Grant.	199.48
Worcester Boys' Evening Trade School Tuition-- State Grant	49.08
Worcester David Hale Trade School for Girls.	98.16
Smith-Hughes, U. S. Government Fund.	5,026.44
George-Deen Fund	8,734.18
High School Tuition.	8,292.50
Elementary School Tuition.	637.77
Evening Vocational School Tuition.	22.75
Vocational School Tuition.	7,172.18
Cole Trade School, Goods Sold.	614.86
Reimbursement on Typewriters	237.02
Refunds.	3.66

Total 60,526.86

George-Deen Fund--Balance, December 31, 1943	\$1,426.98	
Smith-Hughes Fund--Balance, December 31, 1943	48.29	1,475.27

Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer \$59,051.59

Again, as chairman of the school committee, it is my privilege and duty to comment upon various phases of operations of this department.

In April of 1943, upon the recommendations of the State Department of Education, a supervisor of elementary education was added to our staff and in November 1943, upon the same recommendation, a department of occupational guidance and placement was established.

It is the feeling of the school authorities that these positions will amply justify themselves in the complex and confusing months which lie ahead.

One war-time adjustment is the temporary discontinuance of the publication of the school report as a separate document. Upon request of the board of Selectmen, we have entered our statistics as a part of one town report.

It seemed necessary, because of an oil shortage to close two elementary buildings last January. Stokers were secured and installed during the summer vacation and teachers and pupils appeared very glad to return to their own buildings and to a full school day.

As for our war-time responsibilities day by day pupils, teachers and other school personnel are serving on various committees, contributing regularly to stamp and bond drives and otherwise serving the war effort.

The Junior Red Cross, which has a complete membership in every building, is fulfilling its unique function to a very satisfactory degree.

One impact of the war has been a decrease of enrollment for pupils above sixteen years who have left school to enter industry or the services.

It will be our task to safeguard offerings for those who remain, that they may make the greatest possible contributions to a post-war society which will need youth with trained minds and vision.

My one recommendation, however concerns itself with elementary schools.

These are in good physical condition with the exception of the Marcy Street School.

It is the earnest hope of the chairman that a gradual program of renovations may be carried out there, to the end that pupils and teachers may work in the same splendid surroundings as are found in the three new buildings.

As Chairman, I wish to extend appreciation to all members of the committee, with whom I have been privileged to serve. To all other staff members and school employees I wish to offer my commendations for results accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GAUMOND

Chairman, School Committee

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Southbridge:

In accordance with your request I hereby submit my seventh annual report, which is the fifty-ninth such report issued by Superintendents of the public schools of Southbridge.

Reports by department heads which are included as a part of this report give all of the essential details of operation and mention changes and accomplishments of the past year. I commend these reports to the earnest attention of every one interested in our schools.

We have continued to feel the impact of the war, particularly in regards to attendance and part-time employment of nearly all of our boys and girls above sixteen years of age. It seemed wise to operate the high school on a one session day again this year to meet many requests from industry.

However, to cover additional demands of high school students one evening course is available in International Morse Code, one course has been available through an accelerated course for seniors permitting them to meet diploma requirements by March 1, and one afternoon course is offered in mathematics for under-classmen who did not originally enroll in that department.

In addition to these we have nearly three hundred people taking various university extension courses and a ground course in aviation has recently been established to meet the needs of both men and women interested in that field.

As you know the school department has sponsored a four lecture reading course by Professors Durrell and Sullivan, of Boston University, to which all teachers of Southbridge, both public and parochial, have been invited and a fifteen week course "Modern Trends in Education", in which a large group of teachers from both public and parochial schools have enrolled. In addition to these courses a four-evening lecture course has been sponsored by the school committee and has been made available to citizens of Southbridge and surrounding communities.

Under the direction of the elementary supervisor groups of parent-teacher meetings are being held in each of the elementary schools for the purpose of searching out problems and trying to arrive at a solution of them.

Our pre-school tests were conducted this year by the elementary supervisor at no expense to parents. We feel that testing of individual cases will be a very valuable and important part of her work.

We have been commended by the State Department of Education for accomplishments in our Manual Arts School at River Street, for

the continued high standards of performance at the Cole Trade School, and for the wide spread community interest in evening courses for adults whose formal education has been concluded.

It is our desire that our elementary and high schools shall also continue to serve this community to the fullest possible degree.

I wish to express my appreciation to School Committee members, taxpayers, teachers and all other school employees whose joint efforts have contributed to the well being of all the children in our public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING H. GREENE

Superintendent of Schools

The position of supervisor of elementary education might well be termed "helping teacher" for that is exactly the function of the position.

There are several phases of the work which may well be discussed in this first report.

1. Workshop courses: The organization of a series of lectures and study on reading was brought about to help in this particular field. We were exceedingly fortunate to have Dr. Durrell, Dean at Boston University Graduate School, and Dr. Helen Blair Sullivan to give us lectures on this subject. We are also well along on a Harvard-Boston University extension course on the general topic "Modern Trends in Education."

2. Teachers' workroom: Along with the workshop courses a teachers' workroom has been set up serving also as a supervisor's office where resources of all types are available for the teachers' use. In this room we share materials and ideas for group discussions and teachers' meetings.

3. Unified junior high program: A study of weekly time schedules used in other school systems was made as well as a careful study of the time allotments in our buildings now in use. In order to unify the program so that each building will give equal opportunity and instruction. The junior high school program has been re-organized with the time schedules for various subjects in each building equalized.

4. Testing program: A testing program has been started that includes group, classroom and individual testing. Achievement tests were administered last year in every room. Prior to the opening of school this September individual tests were given to 33 under-age children to determine their readiness to enter school. Individual tests are constantly given as the need arises.

5. Books: A survey of the books needed in all grades and a study of new books available on the market have been made. We have now the latest Elson-Gray Basic Reading system, with workbooks, through grades 1-6. The McKee Language books have been selected by the committee of teachers and are now in use in grades 2-6. Sets of supplementary reading books are available for all buildings and library children's book exhibits have been placed in school libraries.

6. Materials: The supervisor gives considerable effort in securing and distributing teachers materials, helping in the use of these and generally encouraging professional growth and improvement in service.

7. Cooperation: In none of these departments would accomplishment have been possible without the cooperation, encouragement, and approval of the superintendent of schools, the school committee, principals and teachers.

May I personally state my appreciation to everyone who has assisted in every way, directly or indirectly, in making this year a happy one for me.

MARJORIE H. NICHOLS

Elementary Supervisor

REPORT OF SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

The Southbridge Summer Playgrounds are supervised by a Director and staff appointed by the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the director and superintendent.

The season extended for a period of six weeks - July 12, 1943 to August 20, 1943; five days a week, for a total of 30 days, and the length of the day was as follows:

9 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.

1 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.

1027 school children of Southbridge enjoyed playground facilities during the season.

Nature Program

This summer we inaugurated a full nature study program under the direction of Mr. Richard B. Headstrom, naturalist.

He devoted his time going from playground to playground supervising the nature work which comprised:

- a. hikes and field trips.
- b. talks
- c. collection of specimens for mounting and exhibiting.

Arts and Crafts Program

Because of a shortage of gasoline and a greater shortage of manpower we did not appoint an itinerant supervisor of arts and crafts. Each playground supervisor handled her own program and the result was more than gratifying.

Typical Daily Program

<u>Time</u>	<u>Age Groups</u>	
	<u>Under 12</u>	<u>12 to 16</u>
9:00-9:30	Inspection of apparatus and grounds. Marking courts, posting announcements. Organizing groups for play.	
9:30-10:00	Free play. Attendance taken.	
10:00-11:30	Apparatus	Ball games Softball Volley Ball Dodge Ball (Nature work twice a week)
1:00-1:30	Inspection of apparatus and grounds.	
1:30-1:45	Free play. Attendance taken.	
1:45-3:00	Quiet game Art craft Story Telling	Art craft

Rainy Day Program

Movies

Indoor Activities in gym

SPECIAL EVENTSNature Study Exhibit

A two-day exhibit of work done in the nature study program at the Southbridge playgrounds was held at the former First National store next to Edwards department store on Main Street, on Thursday, August 12 and Friday, August 13.

The exhibit included collections of mounted wildflowers, leaves, grasses and insects; birdhouses, feeding stations, small animals and insects, and equipment used in nature work. On Thursday the exhibit was shown from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m., and on Friday from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. A playground supervisor was there at all times.

Prizes were awarded for the best collection books in each department. The judges were Dr. Alexis Pincus, president of the Southbridge Technical Society; Arthur Gaumond, chairman of the School Board; and Richard Headstrom, nature study instructor at the playgrounds.

Doll Show

The first doll and carriage shows since the opening session of the Southbridge playgrounds a few years ago were held at the various playgrounds at 1:00 p. m., Wednesday, August 4.

The public at large was invited to attend the shows along with the parents of the children.

Three judges were present at the doll carriage parades to select the three best decorated carriages and best dressed dolls. Ribbons for first, second and third prizes were awarded by Playground Director, Paul E. Dion.

Track Meet

The final event in the Southbridge school playgrounds program took place Wednesday, August 18, when boys and girls from the four playgrounds vied for honors in a series of track events and feature contests ranging from 100-yard dashes to pie-eating contests, at the Dresser St. Field. The meet started at 9 a. m. and wound up at 3:30 p. m.

Over 1,000 children, who comprised this year's playground enrollment, were eligible to compete in the track meet. Ribbons were given first, second and third place winners in each event.

The meet was divided into four groups, one including boys from 13 to 16, and 8 to 13, another including girls in the same age groups.

Events for the older boys included a 100-yard dash, a 440-yard run, 220-yard run, 440-yard relay, high jump, running broad jump, bicycle race, obstacle race and pie-eating contest.

The older girls competed in a 50-yard dash, 220-yard relay, high jump, running broad jump, bag race, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race and pie-eating contest.

A 100-yard dash, 50-yard dash, 220-yard relay, high jump, running broad jump and pie-eating contest comprised the events for the younger boys; and the younger girls competed in a 25-yard dash, three-legged race, bag race, wheelbarrow race and pie-eating contest.

Members of the playgrounds' staff acted as judges and starters.

Other Special Events

Among the other weekly events this year were pet shows, hobby shows, and exhibits of arts and crafts. The interest manifested in these events was such as to warrant repetition in our coming summer programs.

PAUL E. DION

Director Playgrounds

STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1942 to July, 1943. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1943 to January 1, 1944.

I.--School Houses (Including Trade Schools)--1943

Number Houses--occupied	7	Unoccupied	0
Schoolrooms -- occupied	84	Unoccupied	0

II.--Teachers (Including Trade School)

Number of male teachers.	23*
Number of female teachers.	61**

III.--Pupils

Number of children in town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

	1943
Between the ages of 5 and 7.	431
Between the ages of 7 and 14	1,722
Between the ages of 14 and 16.	564

Total persons between ages of 5 and 16.	2,717
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* One male teacher is a full-time substitute.

** Two female teachers are full-time substitutes.

	1942	1943
Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
from September to June.	1,702	1,652
Number between 5 and 7.	133	138
Number between 7 and 14	938	1,017
Number between 14 and 16.	412	413
Number over 16 years of age	219	84
Average membership.	1,637	1,566
Average daily attendance.	1,553	1,471

Total enrollment NOTRE DAME		
from September to June.	612	557
Number between 5 and 7.	70	127
Number between 7 and 14	426	346
Number between 14 and 16.	90	63
Number over 16 years of age	26	21
Average membership.	553	517
Average daily attendance.	514	489

Total enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC		
from September to June.	374	401
Number between 5 and 7.	47	62
Number between 7 and 14	323	337
Number between 14 and 16.	6	2
Number over 16 years of age	--	--
Average membership.	356	381
Average daily attendance.	344	347

Total enrollment ST. MARY'S		
from September to June.	235	234
Number between 5 and 7.	26	35
Number between 7 and 14	160	155
Number between 14 and 16.	29	23
Number over 16 years of age	20	21
Average membership.	224	236
Average daily attendance.	210	219

Total enrollment COLE TRADE DAY		
from September to June.	230	--
Number between 14 and 16.	198	--
Number over 16 years of age	32	--
Average membership.	125	--
Average daily attendance.	114	--

CHANGE OF TEACHERS--Resigned or Leave of Absence

February--Resigned	Marcella Gilrain	Mary E. Wells High School
February--Leave of Absence	Pauline Roy	Eastford Road School
February--Leave of Absence	Martin Earls	Mary E. Wells High School
February--Leave of Absence	Zenon Gerry	West Street School
March --Resigned	Frances Moschella	Charlton Street School
May --Leave of Absence	Margaret Vannah	Mary E. Wells High School
May --Resigned	Edna McIntosh	Charlton Street School
May --Resigned	Ruth Bissett	West Street School
May --Leave of Absence	Margaret Hyde	River Street School
June --Resigned	Maxine Bennett	West Street School
June --Resigned	Betty Quail	West Street School
September--Leave of Absence	Laurenda Boyer	West Street School
September--Resigned	Elizabeth Robinson	Charlton Street School
September--Resigned	Elizabeth Monahan	River Street School
September--Resigned	Raymond Peterson	Cole Trade School
September--Resigned	Eileen Preston	Eastford Road School
September--Resigned	Lenore Thompson	Eastford Road School
December--Leave of Absence	Emery Lavallee	Cole Trade School
December--Leave of Absence	Myron Sibley	Cole Trade School
December--Leave of Absence	Carolyn Nutting	Mary E. Wells High School

Appointed

February	Eileen Preston	Eastford Road School
February	Maxine Bennett	West Street School
February	Carolyn Nutting	Mary E. Wells High School
February	Dorothy Kimball	Mary E. Wells High School
February	Betty Quail	West Street School
March	Edna McIntosh	Charlton Street School
April	Marjorie Nichols	Elementary Supervisor
June	Elvira Pacifici	River Street School
June	Constance LaForce	West Street School
September	Eva Salviuolo	Charlton Street School
September	Doris C. Potter	River Street School
September	Mary Fleming	Eastford Road School
September	Agnes Richardson	Eastford Road School
September	Wyntha Tompkins	Marcy Street School
September	Constance L'Ecuier*	West Street School
October	Lindzay C. Varnam	Mary E. Wells High School
October	Beatrice Cobb	Charlton Street School
December	Carol Davis	West Street School

* Returned after leave of absence.

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Channing H. Greene, B. S. M. Ed.	1929	Superintendent	Middlebury (a) U. of N. H. (b) Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Elsie A. Hofstra	1933	Secretary to Supt.	Becker's Business College

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Robertson, B. S. M. Ed.	1937	Principal	B. U. (a) (b) (c) Harvard (c) Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Hedwiga E. Swiacki	1941	Secretary to Principal	Mary E. Wells High School
Pauline M. Aucoin, B. S.	1921	Commercial and French	B. U. (a) (c)
Dorothy L. Bartoli, B. S. Ed.	1935	English and Guidance	Worcester T. C. (a) Clark (c)
Kathryn Beauregard, B. A.	1922	French, Spanish	Middlebury (a)
Rose Brodeur, B. S.	1939	Jr. Red Cross	(c) B. U. (c)
Constance Coderre, B. S.	1929	Social Studies and Testing	B. U. (a) (c)
		Commercial and Student Council	Simmons (a) B. U. (c) Columbia (c)
Hannah Cook, B. S. Ed.	1929	Science and Morse Code	Bridgewater T. C. Hyannis T. C. (a) (c) Extension courses (c) B. U. (c)
Louise B. Corbin	1924	Home Economics and Sr. Red Cross	Wheaton Simmons
Priscilla Drake, B. S. M. A.	1928	History and Glee Club	Fitchbury T. C. B. U. (a) (b) Springfield (c) Trinity (c)
Thecla Fitzgerald, B. A. M. Ed.	1926	English and Crimson and Gray	Radcliffe (a) B. U. (b)
C. Estelle Hefner, Ph. B.	1933	Latin and English	Brown U. (a) B. U. (c)
Persis F. Howe, B. S. Ed.	1930	Commercial	Salem T. C. (a) Columbia (c) Clark (c)
Dorothy Kimball, B. S.	1943	Algebra	U. of N. H. (a)
Barbara H. Kyrics, B. S. Ed.	1940	Home Economics and Continuation School	Framingham T. C. (a) Fitchburg T. C. (c)
Raoul Lataille, B. A.	1939	Chemistry, Gen. Science, Visual Ed., Attendance	Assumption (a) B. U. (c)
Harry J. McMahon, Ph. B. M. Ed.	1926	Chemistry, Aeronautics, Coaching	Holy Cross (a) B. U. (b) Harvard (c)

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

Alma Ruth Norton, B. S. Ed.	1941	Commercial, Math.	Salem T. C. (a)
Grace Palmer, B. S. Ed.	1942	English, Biology	Worcester T. C. (a) U. of Vt. (c) Columbia (c)
Flora Tait, B. S. Ed.	1939	Occupations, English Dramatic Club	Framingham T. C. (a) B. U. (c) Cornell (c) Bates (a)
Norman Tardiff, B. S.	1942	Mathematics and Coaching	Bates (a)
Frances Troy, B. S. Ed.	1927	Commercial	Salem T. C. (a) B. U. (c)
Lindzay Varnam, B. S.	1943	Physics, General Science, Biology	Colby (a) B. U. (c)

COLE TRADE SCHOOL--REGULAR FACULTY

Clark H. Morrell	1931	Director	B. U. State Courses Fitchburg T. C.
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	Secretary to Director	N. E. School of Secretarial Science
Georgette Desaulniers	1942	Clerk	Mary E. Wells High School
Harold Andrews	1941	Painting and Decorating	Fitchburg T. C.
John Benson	1942	Machine Related (Cooperative)	Northeastern U.
George H. Braman	1938	Factory and Maintenance	Northeastern U. Fitchburg T. C.
William Delaney, B. S. M. Ed.	1940	Gen. Vocational Academic	Boston T. C. (a) B. U. (b)
Walter J. Glondek	1938	Machine Work	Cole Trade Fitchburg T. C. Clark U.
Leo Grenier	1936	Machine Work	Cole Trade Fitchburg T. C.
Ernest Hall	1926	Industrial Printing	Southbridge H. S.
Nels H. Johnson	1937	Co-operative Machine Shop	Lowell Textile School Gen. Electric at Lynn Fitchburg T. C.
Clarence Knowles	1942	Electrical	Cole Trade
William Nickerson	1941	Gen. Vocational Wood	Norwich U. Fitchburg T. C.
William Paul	1942	Gen. Vocational Machine	Lowell Textile
Herman Polley	1933	Gen. Vocational Machine Related	Wentworth Institute State Courses
Frank P. Skinyon, B. S.	1934	Cabinet Pattern Making	Fitchburg T. C. (a)

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
 (b) Master's Degree
 (c) Graduate Work

COLE TRADE SCHOOL--National Defense Faculty

Donald D. Luther	1943	Lens Grinding	Mass. State (two-year course)
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CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

Jennie G. Monroe	1905	Acting Principal	Bridgewater T. C.
Patricia P. Callahan, B. S. Ed.	1939	History, Geography Science--6, 7, 8	Westfield T. C. (a) Extension Courses (c)
Eva A. Casavant, B. S. Ed., M. A.	1933	History, Geography Gym, 6, 7, 8	Worcester T. C. (a) Clark (b)
Beatrice Cobb, B. S. Ed.	1943	Grades 1 and 3	
Florida G. Demers, B. S. Ed.	1942	Eng. 6, 7, 8	Worcester T. C. (a)
Edith C. Howes, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 3	Hyannis T. C. (a) (c)
Irene L. Lidwin, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 2	Lowell T. C. (a) B. U. (c)
Emma E. Nichol, B. S. Ed.	1940	Grade 1	Lowell T. C. (a) Bradshaw Bus. College
Eva P. Salviuolo, B. S. Ed.	1943	Grade 5	Worcester T. C. (a)
Marie J. Saunders	1924	Mathematics--6, 7, 8	Westchester T. C. Extension Courses
Dorothy G. Staknis, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 4	Bridgewater T. C. (a)

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Margaret G. Butler	1892	Principal Remedial Work	Hyannis T. C.
Sylvia Claflin, B. S.	1929	Grade 1	Westfield T. C. Columbia (a)
Mary Fleming, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 5	Worcester T. C. (a)
Bertha Foley	1912	Grade 2	Worcester T. C. Extension Courses
Irene Gough	1914	Geography, Science Music	Worcester Domestic Science School
Julia C. Morrill	1914	Grade 3	St. Joseph's Normal
Ruth W. Sampson	1930	Grade 4	Westfield T. C. B. U., Miami U.
Bertha Wallace	1922	Math., Art, Spelling	Hyannis T. C. B. U.

Notes --(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Principal	St. Ann's Academy
		Art, Music	Fitchburg T. C.
Dorothy M. Brockway	1943	Grades 2 and 3	Framingham T. C.
Marjorie Campbell, B. S. Ed.	1933	History, English Literature	Bridgewater T. C.
			(a) Columbia (c)
			Simmons (c)
Mabel Chamberlain	1902	Grades 1 and 2	State Extension Courses
Camelia Dintini, B. S. Ed.	1940	Grades 3 and 4	Worcester T. C.
			(a)
Mabel Joy	1915	Grade 5	Salem T. C.
Wyntha Tompkins	1943	Science, Geography, Literature	U. of N. H. (a)
Julia Yott	1917	Mathematics, English, Reading	Fitchburg T. C.

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

Cecelia Sousa, B. S. Ed.	1940	Acting Principal	Salem T. C. (a)
			Wellesley (c)
			Extension Courses (c)
Gladys H. Cowan	1942	Grade 1 and 2	Farmington State Normal
			U. of Maine
Elvira E. Pacifici, B. S. Ed.	1943	Special Class Manual Arts III (boys)	Salem T. C. (a)
Doris C. Potter, B. S. Ed.**	1936	Special Class Manual Arts III (girls)	Framingham T. C. (a)
			Columbia (c)
Armand Proulx**	1942	Building Assistant	
Clara M. Reed*	1918	Special Class Manual Arts II (boys)	Westfield State Normal Extension Courses

WEST STREET SCHOOL

Constance M. L'Ecuver, B. S. Ed. M. A.	1940	Acting Principal	Fitchburg T. C. (a)
			B. U. (b)
			Boston City Nursery (c)
			Smith College Kindergarten
			Worcester T. C.
			Columbia U.
Corinne Beaudreau	1924	Grade 1	University Extension State Extension Courses
Emma E. Cadwell, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 5	Bridgewater T. C. (a)
Celestine M. Carey	1932	Geography, History, Art, Music 6, 7, 8.	Our Lady of the Elms
			Hyannis T. C.
Carol G. Davis, B. S. Ed.	1943	Math., Science 6, 7, 8	Gorham Normal (a)
Constance M. LaForce, B. S. Ed.	1943	Grade 3	Fitchburg T. C. (a)

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
 (b) Master's Degree
 (c) Graduate Work
 * Full-time Substitute
 ** Building Assistant

E. Olivia Pearson, A. B.	1943	English and Lit. 6, 7, 8	Upsala College (a) Harvard U. (c)
Edith M. Randall	1920	Grade 2	State Extension Courses
May O. Simpson	1911	Grade 4	Worcester T. C. Extension Courses

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Clair Birtz	1937	Special	Worcester School of Art B. U.
Margaret G. Butler	1892	Director of	Hyannis T. C.
		Americanization	
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Director of Continuation	St. Ann's Academy Fitchburg T. C.
Paul E. Dion, B. S. Ed. M. S.	1936	Guidance and Placement	R. E. College of Ed. (a) (c) Mass. State (b) Clark (c)
Dorothy Dolan, B. S. Ed.	1942	Music Supervisor	Lowell T. C. (a)
Marjorie Nichols	1943	Elementary	North Adams (a)
		School Supervisor	Columbia (b)

JANITORS

	<u>1st Appt.</u>	<u>Position</u>
Rosario Bertrand	1936	Mary E. Wells High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street (Cole Trade)
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Mary E. Wells High School
Henry Masse	1942	River Street School
Omer Metivier	1938	Marcy Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School
Walter O. Paquette	1943	West Street School
Charles Quevillon	1928	Cole Trade School
William Stanhope	1943	Mary E. Wells High School

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate work

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1943

					Aver.		P. C.	
	Boys	Gls.	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	of Att.	
High School	193	310	503	497	440.12	465.40	94.45	
Charlton St. Gr. VIII	14	20	34	34	29.15	30.13	96.71	
Eastford Rd. Gr. VIII	11	17	28	28	25.20	26.53	94.93	
Marcy St. Gr. VIII	17	16	33	34	31.7	32.91	96.15	
West St. Gr. VIII	16	16	32	32	26.32	29.34	89.71	
Charlton St. Gr. VII	19	19	38	38	32.96	35.03	93.9	
Eastford Rd. Gr. VII	14	19	33	34	29.6	31.51	93.93	
Marcy St. Gr. VII	12	20	32	34	30.86	32.61	94.48	
West St. Gr. VII	26	14	40	40	36.24	36.62	94.99	
Charlton St. Gr. VI	28	25	53	60	52.72	55.25	95.47	
Eastford Rd. Gr. VI	17	20	37	37	32.64	34.54	94.47	
Marcy St. Gr. VI	18	22	40	44	38.74	40.30	96.11	
West St. Gr. VI	22	17	39	44	39.83	41.91	94.93	
Charlton St. Gr. V	14	29	43	48	39.04	41.54	94.12	
Eastford Rd. Gr. V	12	14	26	24	22.16	23.41	94.66	
Marcy St. Gr. V	15	12	27	29	24.96	26.79	93.17	
West St. Gr. V	19	13	32	31	27.45	29.95	91.98	
Charlton St. Gr. IV	20	17	37	41	35.93	38.16	94.14	
Eastford Rd. Gr. IV	15	14	29	28	25.06	27.91	92.24	
Marcy St. Gr. III & IV	17	18	35	38	35.49	36.82	96.38	
West St. Gr. IV	18	17	35	40	34.01	36.65	93.38	
Charlton St. Gr. III	21	13	34	34	31.79	32.63	94.31	
Eastford Rd. Gr. III	17	12	29	29	25.79	27.14	95.--	
West St. Gr. III	20	20	40	38	33.72	35.44	94.80	
Charlton St. Gr. II	18	20	38	42	34.07	36.69	92.88	
Eastford Rd. Gr. II	12	12	24	25	21.52	23.30	92.28	
Marcy St. Gr. I & II	15	16	31	30	24.99	26.99	92.64	
West St. Gr. II	16	11	27	29	22.84	24.26	94.17	
Charlton St. Gr. I	18	15	33	38	31.47	34.39	91.42	
Charlton St. I, II, III	13	17	30	34	29.37	32.03	91.67	
Eastford Rd. Gr. I	20	18	38	38	29.49	32.26	91.43	
River St. Gr. I & II	26	14	40	45	32.65	36.46	89.54	
West St. Gr. I	15	9	24	24	21.18	22.98	92.14	
River St. Manual Arts I	--	14	14	20	8.73	9.61	93.13	
River St. Manual Arts II	19	--	19	18	14.76	16.--	92.07	
River St. Manual Arts III	15	--	15	23	12.88	14.54	88.64	
Cole Trade Day	230	---	230	230	114.34	125.18	94.83	
Cole Trade Coop.	175		175	175	78.78	80.87	96.6	
Continuation School	--	13	13	13	6.44	7.44	86.56	

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1942--June 1943--Girls

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
I	19	32	9	2												62
II		15	36	5	2		1									59
III			13	36	11	3	2	1								66
IV				16	27	9	1									53
V					11	30	10	8	6	2						67
VI						20	39	13	5	3	2	1				83
VII							20	32	9	7	3					71
VIII							1	15	36	9	8					69
IX								2	18	35	16		1			72
X									2	30	39	16				87
XI										4	28	32		5		69
XII											3	24	30	2	2	61
Ungraded									1	7	6					14
	19	47	58	59	51	62	74	71	77	97	105	73	36	2	2	833

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1942--June 1943--Boys

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
I	14	52	12	3												81
II		8	26	5	3											42
III			13	26	12	5	3		1							60
IV				14	31	7	5	2	3							62
V					7	34	7	8	4							60
VI						9	45	23	5	3						85
VII							16	36	13	5	2					72
VIII								11	33	8	5					57
IX									18	24	4					46
X									4	11	24	8	3			50
XI									1	1	16	28	3	2		51
XII											2	11	29	6		48
Ungraded				2	3	3	3	3	7	20	5	1				47
	14	60	51	50	56	58	79	83	89	72	58	48	35	8		761

COLE TRADE SCHOOL

Mr. Channing Greene, Supt.
Southbridge Public Schools

Dear Mr. Greene:

I herewith submit for your approval a report of training activities for the fiscal year 1943.

The various training programs in operation during the year are classified as follows:

PERMANENT PROGRAMS

<u>Classified Program</u>	<u>Classified Trainees</u>
General Vocational	Males 14 to 16 years
Day Trade	Males 15 to 16 years
Part-time Cooperative	Males 16 to 25 years
High and Trade School Cooperative	Males 14 to 18 years
Trade and College Preparatory	Males 14 to 20 years
Evening Trade Extension	Males and Females 16 years and over

TEMPORARY WAR PROGRAMS

Pre-Employment	Males and Females 16 years and over
Supplementary	Males and Females 16 years and over

STUDENT STATISTICS FOR THE PERMANENT PROGRAMS

	Coop.	Day	Total
In school at end of year.	40	124	164
Graduated	22		22
Certified			
Entering industry trained for	10	4	14
Entering other occupations.	23	31	54
Entering armed service.	21		21
Unfit for trade subjects.	2	4	6
Returned to Grammar or High School. . .		16	16
Left because of illness		1	1
Left town	1	2	3
Transferred to Coop. School		47	47
Total membership for year 1942.	119	229	348
Enrolled during year.	47	101	148

EVENING TRADE EXTENSION

Mathematics.....	9
Prescription Lens Grinding.....	12
Sheet Metal Drafting.....	10

TRAINEE STATISTICS FOR THE TEMPORARY WAR PROGRAMS

Pre-Employment

Number Enrolled.....7
 Completing Course.....7
 Number W. P. A.....5
 Female.....4

SUPPLEMENTARY

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Machine Shop Practice.	55	2
Machine Drawing.	40	7
Blueprint Reading.	11	5
Welding.	25	
Lens Grinding Machine Operation.		172

GRADUATES

Machinists

*Carroll Bertrand Andrus Jr.	*Joseph Ladislaus Jeramenik
*Norman Czyzewski	Francis Jacob Pienta
*Gregory Louis Decataldi	*Clement Emil Planeta
Francis Dusza	Chester Andrew Seremet
Henry Joseph Egan	*Edwin John Swiatek
*Ernest Stanley Grochowski	Alphonse Karzimier Szumilas

Factory Maintenance

Samuel Nickolas Apostola	*Carl Lester Joy, Jr.
*Joseph James Derouin	*Albert Patrick Kacavich
*Roland Oscar Hebert	*Walter Maly

Draftsmen

John Patrick Sullivan

Cabinet

*Arthur Joseph Hajec

PAINTING-Decorating

*Charles A. Kwiatkowski	Raymond Delphis Richard
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* In the armed services.

NEEDS FOR FURTHER USE OF TRAINING FACILITIES

The circumstances created by the war at the beginning of this year dictate two major training needs and ample facilities are available to satisfy them. They are:

- 1 - Coordinated technical courses between the High and Trade Schools for both boys and girls.
- 2 - Pre-induction training for boys 16 to 18, and men 18 to 38 years of age.

I recommend that provisions be made to acquaint boys and girls; their teachers, parents and friends with the opportunities that Southbridge provides to train its citizens for immediate and effective service in its industries and the Armed Services.

Respectfully submitted,

COLE TRADE SCHOOL

CLARK H. MORRELL, Director

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my seventh annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1943-1944 is divided as follows: Seniors, 96; Juniors, 111; Sophomore, 108; Freshmen, 154; Post-graduates, 3; a total of 472 pupils.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses; namely, Academic, Commercial, and General.

One hundred and nine pupils were graduated on June 24, 1943, and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

CLASS OF 1943--Academic

*Dorothy Barbara Gardner	*Alfreda Mary Lesniewski
Bernard Richard Gervais	*Phyllis Anne Mannis
*Marion Ida Gibb	Barbara Louise Morse
*Geraldine Norma Gillon	*Patricia Anne Noel
*Sylvia Scott Greene	*Edmond Frank Rewinski
*Francis Edward Kirby	*Barbara Marie Silk
*Joyce Helen Willis	

COMMERCIAL

Shirley Marion Bachand	*Lorraine Theresa Loiselle
*Helen Madeleine Belisle	Charlotte Helen Lupa
Ethel May Berry	Constance Helen Paulhus
*Joseph Omer Berthiaume	*Lorraine Peck
*Armand Elmer Blair	*Barbara Mae Peltier
Jeanette Ciesla	*Doris Antoinette Perron
*Norma Antoinette Cleri	*Rose Pettinelli
*Robert Joseph Donovan	*Theresa Jean Quevillon
*Lois Madeline Greene	*Henry Joseph Romano
*Stacia Victoria Janusz	*Lillian Rutcho
*Bertha Agatha Kaszynski	Elena Sandole
*Judith Kimball	*Eileen Margaret Sherbert
Wanda Elizabeth Kulis	*Tefta Simolaris
*Pearl Louise Lawrence	*Therese St. Martin
*Angeline Liacos	Dolores Thelma Tetreault
*Lorraine Lorena Livernois	*Joan Lafford Tully

GENERAL

*Lorraine Barbara Arsenault	Loraine Albina Lariviere
Eleanor Alice Bagley	Gerald Richard Lippe
*Guido Joseph Barbieri	Eleanor Lois MacLam
Charles Edward Bastien	George William MacLellan
Leonard Beaudoin	Leo Charles Martin
Elizabeth Gardner Beverage	William Edward Matys
Pauline Eva Bourdeau	*Mary Elizabeth Maxwell

Elaine Vivian Boyle
 *Joseph Reed Burgess, Jr.
 Edwin John Calcutt
 Myrtle Irene Callahan
 Thomas Francis Campbell
 Saverio Antonnio Caprera
 Edgar William Caron
 Nelson Lucien Carpentier
 John Alfred Cavanaugh
 Richard Oswald Cavanaugh
 Livia Elsie Commito
 *Vangel George Costa
 George Edward Cudworth
 Robert Edward Dargie
 Carlton Junior Davis
 Philip Michael DeAngelis
 *Leona Yvonne Marie Delage
 Nisi Ligor Dionis
 Roland Joseph Favreau
 *Lorraine Mary Forcier
 *Lorraine Marie Girard
 Florence Norma Girouard
 Arthur Sylvester Hall
 Ralph Donald Hebert
 *John Laurence Keenan

*Dimitri Vasil Metro
 Dorothy Helen Miller
 John Joseph Niejadlik
 Edward Ohab
 *Gertrude Lucille Peloquin
 *Edward Fred Plimpton
 Lawrence Leroy Proulx
 *Clarence Henry Richards
 Camillia Rita Rossman
 Doris Norma Rowett
 Richard Francis Rydensky
 *Victor Ralph Salviuolo
 Ida Jessie Southall
 Alice Deborah Stanley
 *George Suprenant, Jr.
 Sameul George Themistocles
 *Sophie Thomas
 Willard Ray Thompson
 Susie Ann Tobia
 *Charles Philip Toscano
 Ernest Antoine Trudeau
 Harold Braley Weaver
 Ruth Jane Whiteoak
 George Rene Young
 John Nelson Young

* General average of 80% or above for four years.

In the preparation of this report, each department has submitted a report of its work. I wish to take this opportunity to thank each teacher who has submitted material to make this report a comprehensive survey of the high school offerings.

ART DEPARTMENT

An elective four-year course in Art is offered students at Mary E. Wells High School. The course is extremely wide in range when one considers the number of students enrolled in the school. It includes the following: free-hand drawing, pencil and pastel drawing, water color painting, lettering, pen and ink drawing, cartoon drawing, and silk screen painting. In addition covers in three colors are designed for the Crimson and Gray issues.

The Art Department's contribution to the war curriculum is a two-year course in Mechanical Drawing. This course is open to both girls and boys.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

The program followed by the Commercial Department aims, as much as possible, to be in keeping with the demands made by our local offices. Besides the traditional subjects such as Bookkeeping, Type-writing, and Shorthand, we have been stressing machine training, required of so many of our graduates. We provide training in not only the knowledge of how machines perform in the office, but also in the possession of operating and marketable skills.

All members of the 1943 commercial class obtained positions soon after graduation, many being placed as early as May before graduation. As a result the demand exceeded the supply.

The majority of the commercial pupils received valuable work experience at many of our local factories and offices while they were still in school. This was made possible due to the one session day.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department has endeavored to stress the value of American citizenship to each student by pointing out the value of a thorough and complete understanding of our language and our literature. The various classes have put their letter writing drill into practical purpose as many letters have gone from the classes to our boys in the service.

Naturally the every day aims of the department have not been neglected. Word study, grammar drill, reading, book reports, theme writing, and a study of the most precious gems from all literature, still occupy the prominent position they have always held in the curriculum.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

On November 1, 1943 the School Committee elected Mr. Paul Dion to head up the guidance program. The pattern, inasmuch as the Mary E. Wells High School is concerned, follows closely the work of previous years. The time devoted to guidance in the past was limited to one or two periods per day. Necessarily much had to be omitted because of the time element involved. For a more comprehensive survey I refer you to Mr. Dion's report which is contained in another section of this book.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Household Arts course came back to school this fall to a newly decorated department. The pantry was painted by the Trade School boys, under the supervision of Mr. Andrews. The color scheme of the pantry was planned by the girls and likewise the girls rearranged all the equipment so that utensils would be more conveniently placed.

The classes started the year off by "Victory Canning." Many jars of vegetables were canned for the hospital and delivered to the hospital by the girls.

There have been two additional courses in the curriculum this year. First, junior and senior girls are given advanced work in clothing, simple millinery, and accessories.

Secondly, there is the new "Victory Course." This course has brought the facilities of the Household Arts Department to a large number of girls. Heretofore, the only girls who benefited from these facilities were those enrolled in the Household Arts course. The girls in this new course have, for the most part, brothers or close relatives in the service. This course deals with the contributions and adjustments which individuals must make in their day-by-day activities for better home and family living during war times.

INTERNATIONAL MORSE CODE

In September, 1943 a class in Radio Morse Code was started. This is an authorized pre-induction course. The materials used are those prescribed by the United States Army. So far the enrollment in the course has been limited to boys, preferably upperclassmen.

That the course is of value to boys anticipating active service has been demonstrated by the students who have already been inducted. They claim that the course helped them to pass tests for signal corps work in the Army and Navy forces.

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

The courses in the Language Department follow the plan of former years with one addition; namely, the inclusion of Spanish in the curriculum. This course was designed to prepare pupils for post-war relations with Central and South America.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The Mathematics Department, in complying with government requests, has started its second year of double periods for all elementary mathematics; namely, algebra, elementary and advanced, and plane geometry.

There is an extensive use of mathematics in all branches of our armed forces. With this in mind, we recommend all freshmen boys take Algebra I. This has increased the number of students to such an extent that three additional classes have been required to accommodate them.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

There has been considerable change in the curriculum of the Science Department. The fundamental courses of general science, biology, and chemistry are maintained as in past years. The big change has come in the increased emphasis on physics and the added course in aeronautics.

The course in physics gives to boys who have had three years of mathematics a much needed background for the air force and the V-12, V-5, V-6, and A-12 programs. These programs offer specialized training at many of our leading universities for a period of from eight to twenty-four months in such fields as engineering, aviation, dentistry, medicine, and laboratory work. It is almost essential for the high school boys to be able to offer physics and mathematics to be eligible for any of these programs.

The new course in aeronautics represents science in its best form. It is basically cultural and contains broad application to the living environment of civilized men; at the same time, it contributed directly to vocational education. This study contributes specifically to the development of a reservoir of potential air force personnel; it also provides training which can be freely utilized in many occupations which are directly or indirectly associated with civil aviation. These advantages emerge because the basic elements of aeronautics are equally applicable to civil and military aviation.

The fact that nearly all of our high school boys and some of our girls will see service in the armed forces of our country has greatly colored the material covered in the courses given by this department. More than ever emphasis is placed upon the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. The students are urged to acquire a thorough understanding of our history, its relation to this vast struggle and to the post-war problems.

THE ACCELERATED PROGRAM

It has been necessary to innovate an accelerated program in the school. This is for those boys whose eighteenth birthday would take them into the armed forces before graduation. By this program each boy is assured of his diploma. The diploma gives each boy the chance for Officer's Candidate School. Without it, he would not be eligible. Further, any boy who wishes to make ready for the V-5, V-12, V-6, and Army 12 programs benefits greatly by the additional work offered in this program. This program as well as the set curriculum of the Mary E. Wells High School is designed to give our boys and girls the best preparation possible for their future efforts.

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Despite this wartime routine we have tried to preserve our normal requirements as far as possible. We still have our club activities, traffic squad, and safety committee. The Junior Red Cross unit is still functioning, and our Victory course renders various services such as supplying food during the blood plasma donations. Our Commercial Department still does much work for various defense organizations in the way of clerical work. The teachers and administrators are always ready and willing to advise the boys and girls as to their present and future activities. Yet behind this all is the one outstanding fact: our nation is at war. Therefore, our policies and courses change to meet this emergency.

I express my appreciation to Mr. Channing H. Greene, Superintendent of Schools, to every member of the School Committee, and to the taxpayers of the town of Southbridge for this opportunity to present my report on the Mary E. Wells High School, and for the continued support displayed by these people of the educational policies of the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON

REPORT OF VISUAL-AIDS DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It again becomes my duty, as director of the Southbridge Visual-Aids Department, to submit to you a report of the progress of this department.

The Visual-Aids Department is gaining wider recognition in all of the New England States and in various parts of the country through the New England Section of the National Visual Education Association. This recognition has been made possible only through the cooperative work of all the teachers who are making adequate use of the available teaching aids and who find in this department a source of valuable and interesting material.

During the past year, we have added new material in relation to the war effort:

1. A complete set of 2" x 2" kodachrome slides on "Aircraft Identification".
2. Filmstrips "Behind the Scenes of a coast to coast flight", "The light airplane goes to war", and others.
3. Other material in the present vital science subjects, chemistry and physics.

Moreover, a variety of subjects have been added to our past collection: American authors and literature, English authors and literature, have been widely used since their purchase. Additions in Biology, Art, Mathematics, General Science, and many other fields, has also been made.

It is the hope of the department that the teachers will realize more and more the importance of these aids as a necessary supplement to the regular classroom work.

The department, since September, has widened its services by allowing not only the teachers, but also the student to make use of whatever material is available for some of their own personal work.

During the year 1943, a total of 34,495 pupils saw 125 different educational motion pictures in 359 showings.

The following tabulation gives a more detailed account of the material used and of the work done in our public schools during the past year:

MOTION PICTURES

Title	No. seeing each film
Magnetic Effects of Electricity	105
Chemical Effects of Electricity	140
Induced Currents	105
On to Jupiter	95
Night Hawks (R.A.F. vs. Luftwaffe)	95
Sulphur	210
Body Framework	210
Heart and Circulation	290
The Blood	290
America Learns to Fly	135

Building a Bomber	135
Mechanisms of Breathing	270
Breathing	270
The Carbon-Oxygen Cycle	270
School Days	1325
Cowboy Blues	1325
Breaking the Ice	1325
The Nervous System	270
Give Us This Day	165
Plywood--The Miracle in Wood	165
Digestion of Foods	265
Digestion (General)	265
Food and Growth	265
Land of the Free	745
Marching with Old Glory	745
This Amazing America	105
Educating Father	115
Family Affair	115
Alimentary Tract	270
Old Dominion State	315
Handle with Pride	95
Twenty Years a Champion	95
Muscles	260
Safety's Champion	105
Thrushes and Relatives	140
The Skin	265
Ever Since Eden	110
How Teeth Grow	230
Bundles for Berlin (R.A.F.)	365
It's the Brain that Counts	90
Friction Fighters	90
Velocity of Chemical Reactions	15
Refrigeration	150
Facts behind Performance	250
Nitrogen Cycle	270
Safety Champion	105
Ice Hockey	105
New Romance of Glass	115
The Living Cell	230
Man's Best Friend	1145
Swing Vacation	1145
Mystic India	1145
Trees and Men	110
Plant Growth	240
Roots of Plants	240
Safari on Wheels	165
Work of the Atmosphere	210
Mines above Ground	90
Limestone and Marble	190
Hi Slouch	235
Planting and Care of Trees	165
Flowers at Work	135
Leaves	135
Bituminous Coal	35
Anthracite Coal	35
Coal for Victory	35
It's the Brain that Counts	120
Sand and Clay 4	40
Evolution of the Oil Industry	45
The Frog	180
Refining Crude Oil	45
Energy from Sunlight	110
Men of Muscle	90
Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow	90
Nickel Highlights	120

Nickel Mining	120
Nickel Milling	120
Nickel Smelting	120
Mountains of Copper	50
Singing Wheels	90
Conquest of the Forest	160
Our Earth	95
Electrochemistry	30
Lead Mining in S.E. Missouri	105
Lead Milling, Smelting, and Refining	105
Two Salesmen in Search of an Order	90
Tin	50
Body Defense against Disease	85
Silver	50
Ever Since Eden	90
The Road of Tomorrow	90
You Can, Too	105
Historical Introduction to the Study of Chemistry	90
No Greater Glory	75
Bombers	390
Jap Zeros	390
Atmospheric Pressure	145
Compressed Air	145
Motion Study Applied to Letter Indexing	90
Oxidations and Reduction	120
Home Front Pledge	2850
Bonds at War	425
Bryce National Park	1155
Glacier National Park	1155
Yellowstone National Park	1155
Zion National Park	1155
Joel Gentry in Hollywood	430
How not to Conduct a Meeting	575
The Navy Flies on	325
Guadalcanal	325
Albert Tangora in Action	125
Listen to Britain	375
U. S. News Review	375
Campus on the March	375
Our Government	375
There Goes an American	425
We, The People	425
Assembly Lines of Defense	540
America Can Give It	540
Petroleum and Its Uses	150
Evolution of the Oil Industry	150
Heat and Its Control	150
Golden Journey	80
Wartime Nutrition	80
Food for Fighters	80

TOTAL

34,495

VISUAL-AIDS BY

1. INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

MOTION PICTURE SHOWINGS

Miss. Aucoin	4
Mrs. Bartoli	2
Miss Brodeur	6
Miss Coderre	4
Mrs. Cook	20
Miss Corbin	7
Mr. Dion	123
Miss Drake	5
Mr. Earls	2
Miss Gilrain	48
Miss Howe	5

Mrs. Kyrios	6
Mr. Lataille	78
Mr. McMahon	10
Miss Norton	2
Miss Nutting	24
Miss Tait	8
Mr. Tardiff	2
Miss Troy	2
Miss Vannah	3
Mr. Varnam	13
TOTAL	374

EXHIBITS AND LITERATURE

Mr. Lataille	5
Miss Norton	3
Mr. Dion	3
Total	11

MOUNTED PICTURES

Miss Brodeur	90
Mr. Dion	221
Mr. Lataille	257
Miss Nutting	46
Total	614

LANTERN SLIDES

Mrs. Bartoli	25
Mr. Dion	200
Miss Nutting	75
Total	300

FILMSTRIPS

Mrs. Bartoli	3
Miss Brodeur	2
Mrs. Cook	20
Mr. Dion	12
Miss Fitzgerald	4
Miss Kimball	3
Mr. Lataille	22
Miss Norton	3
Miss Nutting	11
Miss Tait	4
Mr. Varnam	9
Total	93

CHARLTON ST. SCHOOL

EXHIBITS AND LITERATURE

Miss Callahan	9
Total	9

MOUNTED PICTURES

Miss Callahan	927
Total	927

FILMSTRIPS

Miss Callahan	27
Mrs. Casavant	11
Miss Cobb	4
Total	42

LANTERN SLIDES

Miss Callahan	100
Total	100

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOLMETRONOSCOPE ROLLS

Miss Foley	4
Miss Morrill	2
Miss Richardson	2
Miss Sampson	4
Total	12

FILMSTRIPS

Miss Richardson	3
Total	3

MARCY STREET SCHOOLEXHIBITS AND LITERATURE

Mrs. Cook	6
Miss Tompkins	3
Total	9

MOUNTED PICTURES

Mrs. Cook	96
Miss Tompkins	130
Total	226

METRONOSCOPE ROLLS

Miss Brockway	5
Mrs. Dintini	3
Total	8

FILMSTRIPS

Mrs. Cook	11
Miss Tompkins	29
Total	40

LANTERN SLIDES

Mrs. Cook	125
Miss Tompkins	50
Total	175

WEST STREET SCHOOLEXHIBITS AND LITERATURE

Miss Carey	6
Miss Quail	4
Total	10

MOUNTED PICTURES

Miss Quail	35
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METRONOSCOPE ROLLS

Miss Laforce	2
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FILMSTRIPS

Mrs. Beaudreau	7
Miss Carey	15
Miss Pacifici	1
Miss Quail	16
Total	39

SLIDES

Mrs. Beaudreau	25
Miss Quail	125
Total	150

RIVER STREET SCHOOLEXHIBITS AND LITERATURE

Miss Pacifici	6
Miss Sousa	2
Total	8

FILMSTRIPS

Miss Cowan	13
Miss Monahan	19
Miss Pacifici	6
Mrs. Potter	11
Mrs. Reed	18
Total	67

MOUNTED PICTURES

Miss Cowan	101
Mrs. Potter	126
Mrs. Reed	195
Total	422

METRONOSCOPE ROLLS

Miss Cowan	4
Miss Monahan	11
Miss Pacifici	5
Mrs. Reed	6
Total	26

LANTERN SLIDES

Miss Cowan	50
Mrs. Reed	50
Total	100

TOTALS FROM OTHER USERS

Exhibits and literature	18
Mounted Pictures	365
Filmstrips	26

SUMMARY

MOTION PICTURES	125	MOUNTED PICTURES	2589
MOTION PICTURE SHOWINGS	359	METRONOSCOPE ROLLS	48
NO. SEEING FILMS	34,495	LANTERN SLIDES	825
EXHIBITS AND LITERATURE	65	FILMSTRIPS	310

NUMBER OF FILMS SHOWN IN EACH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL	94	RIVER ST.	9	RIVER ST. M.A.	38
CHARLTON ST.	10	WEST ST.	9	NOTRE DAME	2
EASTFORD RD.	10	CONTINUATION	3	ST. MARY	2
MARCY ST.	8	GENERAL VOCATIONAL	49	JOAN OF ARC	2

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

We have made an earnest attempt to prevent the spread of juvenile delinquency, which is affecting all parts of the nation, by constantly investigating, checking, and remedying its probable causes insofar as it is possible for us. Here in Southbridge, there has been a remarkable increase in the number of cases investigated and a noticeable augmentation in truancies as has not yet been witnessed.

There are many causes for these many illegal absences, the prominent one being the lack of parental supervision due to the war. This deplorable condition is specifically due to the fact that

1. Both mothers and fathers are working.
2. Home life is not what it used to be with the fathers gone into the service, and the mothers working.
3. Families are disorganized by the fact that different members of the family work on different shifts.
4. Emotional conflicts, because of overexertion on the part of working parents, are reflected in the general behavior of the children.
5. Children are more interested in their earnings, and thereby neglect their education.
6. There is a lack of recreational facilities in our town for the children, and consequently they resort to unwarranted means of spending their time.

Juvenile delinquency originates most often from habitual and frequent truancies. We are doing all we can to reduce the number of daily absences, and hope that the townspeople will cooperate with us in reporting to the attendance officer all the cases of truancy noticed.

Bowling alleys and pool rooms are no places for boys 12 and 13 years of age until 11:00 and 11:30 P. M., and especially more so during school hours. Attendants in these places have been too liberal with their regulations. The state law mentions 14 years of age as the minimum working age in these places, but not until 11:30.

Let us be a little more considerate of today's youth, and let's remember that they will make up the Southbridge community of the future.

The following report shows the increases of different cases in the last two years:

	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>
Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	387	431
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1727	1722
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	438	564

Number of pupils investigated for absences due to illness, truancy, lack of clothing, contagious diseases, and other reasons.	519	676
Cases investigated for home permits	27	57
Cases of persistent tardiness	19	41
Cases of children working unlawfully	16	89
Follow-up and friendly visits	35	82
Number of children assisted with shoes and clothing	-	4
Number of children for whom employment was obtained	13	22
Number of children adjusted in their school work	8	23
Number of employment certificates 16-21 literate	1321	886
Number of employment certificates 16-21 illiterate	29	17
Employment between 14-16	50	173
Home Permits	11	11
Newsboy's badges and street trade	124	68

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

SOUTHBRIDGE CONTINUATION SCHOOL

The enrollment in the Girls' Division of the Southbridge Continuation School for the year ending June 23, 1943, was only thirteen girls.

Three were between fourteen and fifteen years of age, ten were between fifteen and sixteen years.

By the close of school in June, five girls had reached their sixteenth birthday and before the re-opening of school this fall three more had become sixteen. One girl returned to the regular day school leaving only four girls to re-enter in September.

The very small enrollment is due to the fact that industry and commerce cannot employ minors under sixteen years of age. The girls enrolled all had Home Permits allowing them to be mothers' helpers in their own homes.

The main objective of the Continuation School has always been to help employed youth to make immediate and prospective adjustments from their status as full time school pupils to that of home helpers or responsible wage-earning citizens.

With this in mind, the girls come to the school on Wednesday afternoons from one o'clock to five. The first half of the time they meet with Mrs. Barbara Kyrios who conducts classes in Household Arts, and from three o'clock to five they study related academic subjects.

I feel that the classes in Household Arts are of great value to these future home-makers. They are taught the preparation of simple meals with attention given to thrift in buying and caring for supplies. Lessons in plain sewing are helpful because the girls learn to use commercial patterns in cutting garments from used as well as from new material, and they see the economy of doing the work for themselves.

The academic subjects include English, arithmetic, civics and hygiene. English, both oral and written, is aimed at the correction of faulty language and to the formation of good habits of self-expression. To meet the requirements of ordinary letter writing, a unit was developed centering around the friendly letter and simple social notes. In arithmetic, the range of ability of the girls is so wide that most of the work has to be planned on an individual basis. Much of it has to be on elementary fundamentals. Hygiene is taught from the practical and personal standpoint through discussion of daily habits that are conducive to good health. Through civics, an effort is made to stimulate proper attitudes and ideals and to awaken a sense of responsibility on the part of every individual toward society.

We made a class visit to the public library where the girls were most cordially welcomed by Miss Shane. She gave them her kind attention and explained the purposes of the services rendered there. Each one was encouraged to make use of the library in any way that it can serve her needs. Indeed it can be the source of much profitable recreation and learning for everyone.

LAURA B. DESMARAIS

Our program has been similar in most respects to that carried on last year. A greater effort has been made to stress the necessity of development and maintenance of good health habits, and to advise correction of defects at an early date.

The correction of defects, after parents were notified, has been encouraging. Better employment and increased wages have resulted in the willingness of parents to assume this responsibility.

Routine work has been carried on as usual. This consisted of the following duties:

- Assisting the doctors with examinations
- Sending notices of defects (except the more serious ones when a personal visit was made)
- Administering first aid
- Replenishing first-aid chests
- Transporting ill children home
- Weighing and measuring
- Testing hearing
- Retesting vision in cases where the teacher was doubtful
- Inspecting personal hygiene
- Excluding pupils who showed symptoms of contagion
- Re-admitting pupils after an absence of one or two days
- Assisting at clinics, etc.

Pre-School Clinic

For a number of years, we have endeavored to have children who were of age to enter school at the beginning of the school year do so physically fit. With this in view, we have asked parents of these children to have them examined by their family physician, so that defects, if any, could be discovered and corrected before school opened. Clinics were also held for this purpose. Dr. Langevin gave two mornings for examinations of children. Dr. Desmarais and Dr. Racicot gave one morning for dental examinations. However, comparatively few parents availed themselves of this opportunity.

We are grateful to those parents who did cooperate, and who followed the advice given. I am sure that even now they feel repaid.

Milk Lunches

There are only a few under-nourished children in our schools at present. Milk lunches continued to be served, and free milk is given to the very few who show mal-nourishment, and who could not have milk otherwise.

Attendance

Our children are better clothed than at any time in the past years, and attendance from health standpoint has been good.

Hearing Tests

With the use of the Audiometer, hearing tests were conducted in all schools. Pupils above the first grade were given the test. A home call was made to parents of children who were found to have a hearing loss, and consultation of the family physician advised.

The following is the result of the hearing test:

Schools	Number Tested	Number Found to Have Hearing Loss
Mary E. Wells	444	6
Marcy Street	187	4
West Street	249	6
River Street	56	3 (6 could not be corrected)
Charlton Street	262	6
Eastford Road	184	3

Home Nursing

A class in Home Nursing, under the auspices of the Red Cross, was held in the early part of the year. Ten girls from the Home Economics Department were enrolled, and five completed the required number of hours, successfully passed the examination, and were awarded Red Cross certificates.

In closing, I wish to thank all who have in any way cooperated to make our Health Program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED V. KING, R. N.

TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1943

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash in Banks and Office:

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1941, (Payment held
in Escrow by Town Counsel) \$ 564.00
Levy of 1942,..... 696.66
Levy of 1943,..... 33,750.55

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1943

Special Assessments:

Sewer Added to Taxes 1943 161.29
Unapportioned Sidewalk 1942 23.30
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1943 7.58
Committed Interest:
Sewer Added to Taxes 1943 13.71
Sidewalk Added to Taxes
1943..... 1.36

Tax Titles..... 3,402.01
Tax Title Possessions..... 1,028.53

Departmental:

Interest Taxes 1941, Payment
held in Escrow by Town
Counsel..... 29.92
Selectmen - Cole Lot Timber
Town Hall..... 510.40
180.00

Liabilities and Reserves

Temporary Loans:
In Anticipation of Revenue 1943,

Federal Taxes Withheld.....

Trust Fund Income:
Jesse J. Angell Charity.. 31.27
Fund.....
Ella M. Cole Fund - Needy 116.54
School Children.....
Alexis Boyer, Jr., School
Fund..... 11.29
Mary Mynott Library Fund.. 57.72

Vocational Education- George-Deen
and Smith-Hughes Fund.....
Vocational Education - Special
Grant for Defense.....

Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves
Fund.....

Machinery Rental Fund.....

Tailings.....

Overestimate 1943 - State Parks
and Reservations Assessment

Federal Grants:
Aid to Dependent Children 1,099.37
Administration.....

\$100,000.00

3,473.41

216.82

1,475.27

795.26

2,968.00

298.40

46.86

19.51

Police.....	1,225.00
Health.....	287.71
Ambulance.....	590.00
Highways.....	853.75
Temporary Aid.....	1,943.88
Old Age Assistance.....	117.84
State Aid.....	630.00
War Allowance.....	896.00
Military Aid.....	370.00
School.....	319.33
Cemetery.....	249.00
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Aid to Highways:	
State.....	237.61
County.....	206.33
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8,202.83

434.94

Underestimate 1943 - County Tax

1,510.25

Overdrawn Account:
Highways - Chapter 90 Maintenance 1943

443.90

Aid to Dependent Children- Aid.....	1,971.84
Old Age Assistance Administration.....	791.01
Old Age Assistance-Assist- ance.....	4,813.25
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8,675.47

Appropriation Balances:	
Rationing Board Expenses..	435.80
Child Welfare Service.....	57.76
Old Age Assistance Salaries	112.00
Civilian Defense Activities	8,426.81
School Expenses.....	300.00
Honor Roll.....	701.25
North Woodstock Road Land Taking.....	100.00
Swimming Pool and Park Project.....	195.70
Swimming Pool Operation...	550.95
Worcester Street Sewer.	
Construction.....	170.25
Purchase of War Bonds....	75,000.00
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86,050.52

644.28

22,893.53

Sewer Assessment Reserve....

Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1941.....	564.00
Levy of 1942.....	696.66
Levy of 1943.....	12,471.49
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13,732.15

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax..	135.41
Sewer Assessment.....	175.00
Sidewalk Assessment.....	32.24
Tax Title.....	4,430.54
Departmental.....	8,202.83
Aid to Highways.....	443.94
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13,419.96

183,940.13

\$438,649.57

Surplus Revenue

\$438,649.57

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Assessments Not Due:

Sewer.....
Sidewalk.....

392.39
162.22

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue
Due in 1944.....
1945.....
1946.....
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Revenue:
Due in 1944.....
1945.....

255.20
119.00
18.19
85.51
76.71

392.39

162.22

554.61

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt..

149,000.00

Eastford Road and West Street School
Loan.....

89,000.00

Northern District Elementary
School Loan.....

60,000.00

149,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer.. 79,004.41
In Custody of Library
Trustees..... 4,868.92

Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund 1,270.25
Ella M. Cole Fund - Needy...
School Children..... 3,000.00
Alexis Boyer, Jr., School Fund 381.71
Mary Mynott Library Fund.... 1,000.00
Bradford Library Fund..... 4,868.92
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 48,352.45
Cemetery General Care Funds. 25,000.00

83,873.33

83,873.33

Municipal Contributory

Retirement Fund:
Cash and Securities....

36,030.41

Retirement System Funds:
Annuity Savings Fund..... 24,522.48
Pension Accumulation Fund. 9,254.69
Annuity Reserve Fund..... 1,686.65
Pension Reserve Fund..... 517.16
Expense Fund..... 49.41

36,030.41

\$119,903.74

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Department	Appropriation	Bal. Refunds & Transfers added to appropriation	Total Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers to Other Accounts	Gross Expenditures or Debit	Balance to Revenue	Balance to 1944	Overdrawn Accts.
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Moderator	60.00		60.00	60.00		60.00			
Selectmen:									
Salaries	2,790.00								
By soldiers' relief		32.63	2,822.63	2,822.63		2,822.63			
All Other	1,000.00		1,000.00	553.17		553.17	446.83		
Accountant:									
Salaries	3,219.00		3,219.00	3,043.23		3,043.23	175.77		
All Other	250.00								
By refund		12.25							
By street lights		50.00	312.25	295.93		295.93	16.32		
Treasurer:									
Salaries	2,960.00		2,960.00	2,950.00		2,950.00	10.00		
All Other	850.00		850.00	674.19		674.19	175.81		
Tax Collector:									
Salaries	3,700.00								
By Tax collector expense		150.00	3,850.00	3,850.00		3,850.00			
All Other	1,681.87		1,681.87	1,333.50					
To tax col. salary acct.					150.00	1,483.50	198.37		
Assessors:									
Salaries	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00			
All Other	700.00		700.00	653.51		653.51	46.49		
Town Clerk:									
Salaries	1,860.00		1,860.00	1,860.00		1,860.00			
All Other	460.00		460.00	457.92		457.92	2.08		
Board of Registrars:									
Salaries - Board	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00			
All Other	2,500.00								
By soldiers' relief		50.00	2,650.00	2,648.74		2,648.74	1.26		
Law:									
Salary of Counsel	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00			
All Other	140.00		140.00	70.65		70.65	69.35		
Engineering:									
Salaries	6,200.00		6,200.00	6,196.41		6,196.41	3.59		
All Other	650.00		650.00	648.89		648.89	1.11		
Town Hall									
Salaries	2,425.00								
By Town Hall exp. acct.		100.00	2,525.00	2,515.17		2,515.17	9.83		
All Other	4,000.00								
By Town Hall report acct.		258.70							
By Memorial Day acct.		57.53	4,316.23	4,206.46					
To Town Hall Salaries					100.00	4,306.46	9.77		
Planning Board:									
All Other	100.00		100.00	29.63		29.63	70.37		
Rationing Board:									
All Other	1,000.00								
By 1942 balance		202.36	1,202.36	766.56		766.56		435.80	
Retirement Board:									
Salary and Waga survey									
By 1942 balance		500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00			
Contributory Retirement System administration:									
Salaries	625.00		625.00	625.00		625.00			
All Other	250.00		250.00	250.00		250.00			
To police expense					1,150.00	44,153.86	583.14		
All Other	6,892.00								
By refund		6.00							
By police salaries		1,150.00	8,048.00	6,635.21		6,635.21	1,412.79		
Fire Department:									
Salaries	37,956.30		37,956.30	37,910.49		37,910.49	45.81		
All Other	5,482.00		5,482.00	5,445.07		5,445.07	36.93		
Hydrants	16,330.00		16,330.00	15,021.87					
To forest fire expense					1,339.39	16,361.26	1,968.74		
Forest Fire:									
Salary of Warden	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00			
All Other	300.00								
By refund		36.00							
By hydrants		1,339.39	1,675.39	1,652.45		1,652.45	22.94		
Sealer of Weights and Measures:									
Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00			
All Other	400.00		400.00	314.76		314.76	85.24		
Tree Warden	900.00		900.00	899.82		899.82	.18		
Moth Extermination	400.00		400.00	399.40		399.40	.60		
Ambulance	250.00		250.00	243.47		243.47	6.53		
Dog Officer	300.00		300.00	296.00		296.00	4.00		
Animal Inspector:									
Salaries	125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00			
All Other	50.00		50.00	46.34		46.34	3.66		
Game Warden	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00			
Building Inspector:									
Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
All Other	100.00		100.00	76.69		76.69	23.31		
Street Lighting	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,412.60					
To damage to pers. & prop.					387.16				
To accountant's expense					50.00	14,849.76	150.24		
Wiring Inspector:									
Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
All Other	100.00		100.00	94.52		94.52	5.48		
Total - Protection Persons	133,522.30	2,531.39	136,053.69	128,777.55	2,926.55	131,704.10	4,349.59		
HEALTH AND SANITATION:									
Health									
Salaries	6,815.00		6,815.00	6,798.32		6,798.32	16.68		
All Other	11,375.00								
By refund		6.25	11,381.25	8,445.69		8,445.69	2,935.56		
Sewere									
Salaries	2,838.40								
By sewer all Other		249.60	3,088.00	3,007.00		3,007.00	81.00		
To Sewer Salaries	1,817.50		1,817.50	1,531.20					
To Sewer Salaries					249.60	1,780.80	36.70		
Total - Health & Sanitation	22,845.90	255.85	23,101.75	19,782.21	249.60	20,031.81	3,069.94		
HIGHWAYS:									
Highways									
Salaries	2,580.00		2,580.00	2,580.00		2,580.00			
All Other	23,700.00								
By Dresser Hill Road		1,750.00	25,450.00	24,719.18					
To Chapter 90-Maintenance					162.50				
To Rubbage Collection					163.33				
To Road Machinery					400.00	25,445.01	4.99		
Road Machinery Maintenance	4,578.30								
By Road Machinery Rental		421.70							
By Road Machinery Rental		367.74							
By Highway Expense		400.00	5,767.74	5,766.86		5,766.86	.88		
Road Machinery-New Equipment	400.00								
By Road Machinery Rental		1,265.00	1,665.00	1,665.00		1,665.00			
Town Dump	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00			
Rubbage Collection	1,960.00								
By Highway Expense		163.33	2,123.33	2,123.33		2,123.33			
Chapter 90-Maintenance	900.00								
By State & County Aid		1,843.56							
By Highway Expense		162.50	2,906.06	3,349.96		3,349.96		443.90	
Snow & Ice	8,000.00		8,000.00	6,991.63		6,991.63	1,008.37		
Total - Highways	43,318.30	6,373.83	49,692.13	46,395.96	725.83	49,121.79	1,014.24	443.90	

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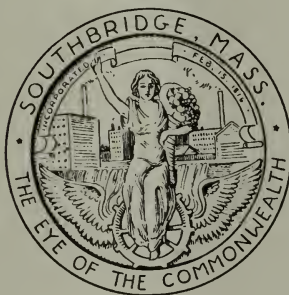
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TREASURER -- Norbert C. Benoit 1946

•CLERK -- Clare P. Boyer 1947

SELECTMEN

Leo J. Cournoyer

Napoleon J. Blanchard

Wesley K. Cole

PUBLIC WELFARE

Hermas Lippe
Marie Lariviere
Ovide Derosier

1945
1946
1947

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Ovide Derosier

Hermas Lippe, Chairman
Marie Lariviere, Clerk

H. H. Michon, Supervisor

ASSESSORS

Joseph T. Gervais -- 1945

Joseph Lafleche -- 1946

Charles Normandin -- 1947

BOARD OF HEALTH

William E. Langevin, M. D.
Ralph Racicot, D.D.S. -- In Army
Ernest Tetreault -- Temporary Appointment
Raymond F. Haling

1945
1946
1946
1947

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

George Lafleche -- 1945

Alfred Beaulieu -- 1946

Louis G. Dionne -- 1947

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Arthur A. Roy -- 1945

James C. Murphy -- 1945

Oswald Meunier -- 1946

Leopold Lemmelin -- 1947

Arthur Bouthillier -- 1947

Leo J. Cournoyer

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Arthur Gaumont -- 1945
Hector M. LeClair -- 1946
Nestor Pontbriand -- 1947

Joseph S. Normand -- 1945
John E. Farland -- 1946
George M. Metras -- 1947

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Wardwell M. Edwards -- 1945 Daniel T. Morrill -- 1946
George W. Dumas -- 1947

CONSTABLES

Ulric Brault

Arthur L. Murphy

Bernard E. Richard

TAX COLLECTOR -- Mederic Duhamel -- 1945

PLANNING BOARD

Arthur Cabana -- 1945
Raoul A. Bail -- 1946

Arthur B. Laperle -- 1947
J. George Page -- 1948
Mitchell Kurposka -- 1949

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Pierre Benoit -- 1945

George N. Lafleche -- 1946
Bernard Allard -- 1947

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Hector M. LeClair -- 1945

George Silk -- 1946
Norman LeBlanc -- 1947

MODERATOR -- Valmore P. Tetreault -- 1945

TREE WARDEN -- Wilbur Wilson -- 1945

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUND

Raymond Varin -- 1945

Ernest J. Lavallee -- 1946
Edmund Ryan -- 1947

SOUTHBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Rosario S. Normandin -- 1945

Emile J. Martin -- 1947

Norman LeBlanc -- 1946

Francois C. Sansoucy -- 1948

Omer L. Perron -- 1949

APPOINTED OFFICERS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT -- Joseph E. Derosier -- 1945

ASST. CLERK SELECTMEN)
SOLDIERS RELIEF AGENT)

Edward E. LeClair

TOWN COUNSEL-- Rosario S. Normandin

TOWN ENGINEER -- John G. Clarke

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS -- Channing H. Greene

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK -- John Ferguson

GAME WARDEN -- Alfred Lariviere

POUND KEEPER -- Paul Beauregard

KEEPER OF LOCK-UP -- Ulric Brault
Arthur Nadeau

CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL-- Olivier Proulx

ANIMAL INSPECTOR)
PLUMBING INSPECTOR)
MILK INSPECTOR)

Joseph A. Chagnon

BUILDING INSPECTOR -- Armand DeAngelis

WIRE INSPECTOR -- George L. Despres

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

G. Rudolphe Lariviere

LIBRARY TRUSTEES -- FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte -- 1945

Dr. Nerio Pioppi -- 1946

Wardwell M. Edwards -- 1947

FOR THE FUND

Mrs. Hamilton K. Smith
Arthur Kay

George B. Wells
William W. Crawford

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Seaver M. Rice -- 1945

John J. O'Shaughnessy, Sr. -- 1947

Joseph L. Berthiaume -- 1946

Clare P. Boyer

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT -- Wilbur Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oswald Meunier, Chief
George W. Laughnane, Deputy Chief
Henry Lavoie, Asst. Depty. Chief, Retired
James C. Sangren, Supt. of Fire Alarm

FIRE WARDEN -- Oswald Meunier

DEPUTIES

Cyrus Hallquest
Henry Lavoie -- Retired
Dan Daniels

Albert Servant
Thomas Burke

Edmond Bellerose
Joseph Mandville
Romeo Lippe

FENCE VIEWERS

Mitchell Kurposka
Alberic Petit

Alex Libuda
Sidney Smith

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas L. Hughes
Ralph McKinstry

John J. Hogan
Ralph Fitzpatrick

George A. Alley
Royce Fitzpatrick

FIELD DRIVERS

Ulric Brault

James Laughane

Ovila Martin

SOLDIERS BURIAL OFFICERS

Joseph Congdon

Ronaldo Guertin

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

George A. Alley
Basil J. Proulx, Jr.
Jacob K. Edwards
Herman Staves
Elmira G. Patterson

Thomas Hughes
Raymond McKinstry
Beatrice Homicz
Loretta Fitzpatrick

Irene Hughes
Wardwell M. Edwards
Ralph McKinstry
Mafalda Comstock
Royce Fitzpatrick

ATTENDANCE OFFICE -- Raoul Lataille

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ernest Coderre -- 1945
Peter Graf - 1945

Anthony Deterando -- 1945
David E. Hobson -- 1945

Oswald J. Laliberte -- 1945
Myron B. Clemence -- 1946
Joseph V. Flood -- 1946

John B. Dragon, Sr. -- 1946
Omer L. Perron -- 1946

Raymond F. Haling -- 1946
J. Edouard Demers -- 1947
Gedeon Gregoire -- 1947

Alva Hyde -- 1947
Hector LeClair, Jr. -- 1947

Arthur E. Proulx -- 1947

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM -- G. Rudolph Lariviere

DOG OFFICER -- Albert Lamarine

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

W. W. Crawford

Emile Martin

Charles Normandin

SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Kenneth Spaulding
Joseph E. O'Shaughnessy

Raoul Bail
Norbert Benoit

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Dr. Raymond Haling

Emile Martin--Chairman

John G. Clarke

Leopold Lemmelin

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

John E. Farland
Joseph Piasta

John Lily

Emile Martin
Hector LeClair

JURY LIST--1944-1945

Name----Occupation	Address
Agard, Charles - H.M. Co.	11 Lyons St.
Allard, Ernest G. - Plumber	83 Elm St.
Allard, Roland A. J. - Bus Driver	327 Hamilton St.
Arpin, Armand - Checker	116 Plimpton St.
Aucoin, Richard A. - Clerk	419 Main St.
Bachand, Arthur N. - Mill Hand	39 School St.
Bachand, Edward - Carpenter	16 William St.
Barbierri, Sylvester - Bookkeeper	N. Woodstock Road
Beauregard, Alexander - Clerk	401 Main St.
Beauregard, Raymond - Clerk	416 Main St.
Benoit, Levi G. - Manager	862 Lebanon St.
Benson, Arthur J. - Truer	29 Sayles St.
Bertrand, Urban G. - Inspector	370 Hamilton St.
Bibeau, Rodolphe - Machinist	53 Worcester St.
Blair, Alfred - Truck Driver	135 Worcester St.
Blair, Elmer L., Jr. - Clerk	281 Woodstock Rd.
Blanchette, Omer - Truck Driver	40 Cross St.
Blute, Harold - Truck Driver	546 Main St.
Boiteau, Anthony - Polisher	71 Sayles St.
Bombardier, Joseph - Steam Fitter	30 Cohasse St.
Boucher, Edward - Lens Setter	159 Worcester St.
Boulanger, Alfred J. - Optical Worker	149 Charlton St.
Boucher, Raymond - Specmaker	127 Everett St.
Brodeur, Antonio - Clerk	114 Pine St.
Buckley, John T. - Specmaker	28 Harding Court
Cabana, Arthur - Specmaker	10 Oakes Ave.
Cahill, William J. - Asst. Purch. Agent	19 Summer St.
Caron, Anatole, Jr. - Clerk	33 River St.
Carpentier, Noe - Machinist	246 Mechanic St.
Carpentier, William - Merchant	228 Hamilton St.
Cartier, Joseph, Jr. - Salesman	17 Pleasant St.
Chamberlain, Theodore - Machine Operator	99 Cross St.

Chapdelaine, Gedeon - Picker	191 Worcester St.
Ciesla, Antoni - Contractor	76 Plimpton St.
Clemence, George H. - Retired	Clemence Hill
Coderre, Henry F. - Merchant	560 South St.
Costa, Sotir V. - Merchant	308 Main St.
Cournoyer, Aldori - Taxi Driver	81 Pleasant St.
Cournoyer, H. Norman - Dealer	59 Fiske St.
Dauphinais, Adlard - Optical Worker	199 Charlton St.
Davis, Steven L. - Factory Worker	50 Sturbridge Rd.
Desaulniers, Leo - Specmaker	Lebanon Hill
Donais, Armand - A. O. Co.	444 Worcester St.
Dufault, Joseph - Laborer	156 Mechanic St.
Dulmaine, Walter - Retired	99 Pine St.
Dupaul, Leon - Foreman	250 Marcy St.
Duquette, Albert F. - Grinder	14 Worcester St.
Duquette, George - Specmaker	736 Lebanon Hill
Eno, Arthur J. - Electrician	76 Pine St.
Fafard, Wilfred - Back Tender	11 Columbia St.
Farland, Alfred J. - Painter	372 Hamilton St.
Flood, Henry F. - Clerk	300 Hamilton St.
Fontaine, Alpha - Optical Worker	Ammidown District
Fontaine, Lucien - Machinist	97 Worcester St.
Galipeau, Euguen - Inspector	46 Fiske St.
Gamache, George A. - Mach. Oper.	105 North St.
Garceau, Wilfred - Waiter	14 Worcester St.
Gaudette, Noe J. - Clerk	9 Curtis St.
Gaumont, Armand - Truckman	711 Main St.
Gaumont, Eugel - Retired	16 Gardner St.
Gauthier, Valmore - Foreman	5 Fiske St.
Gendron, Albert - Picker	42 Thomas St.
Gelineau, Alfred - Retired	17 Charlton St.
Genereux, Louis W. - Clerk	206 Main St.
Girard, Wilfred - Fireman	222 Mechanic St.
Gladu, Charles H. - Developer	36 Cohassee St.

Graf, Peter F. - Foreman	38 Golf St.
Gravel, Charles - Lens Polisher	158 Charlton St.
Grenier, William - Def. Worker	53 Pleasant St.
Grenke, Louis - Blocker	9 Rose St.
Hebert, Armand T. - Finisher	55 Coombs St.
Hebert, Joseph A. - Box Maker	5 Moon St.
Hebert, Leo - Grinder	48 Fiske St.
Hetu, Louis - Janitor	48 Dresser St.
Hill, Emerson H. - Specmaker	472 South St.
Holton, Frank B. - Machinist	Lebanon Hill
Johns, Leonard W. - Foreman	25 Harding Ct.
Julien, Joseph - Mail Carrier	73 Newell Ave.
Karle, Cyril - Supervisor	121 Everett St.
Kurposka, Mitchell - Toolmaker	65 Crystal St.
Lafleche, Albert - A. O. Co.	42 Worcester St.
Lafleche, Edmond O. - Grinder	19 Moon St.
LaFrance, Charles - Electrician	38 Pleasant St.
Laliberte, Oliver - Clerk	71 River St.
Lamontagne, Henry - Polisher	9 Rose St.
Landry, Victor - Specmaker	800 Worcester St.
Lariviere, Ubald - Machinist	165 Mechanic St.
Lamoth, Adolphe - Bartender	104 Worcester St.
Lataille, Frank - Optical Worker	284 Mechanic St.
Lataille, Joseph - Retired	39 Henry St.
Lavallee, Adelard - Shear Tender	75 Crystal St.
Lavallee, Napoleon A. - Clerk	48 School St.
LeBlanc, Leon - Spinner	364 Hamilton St.
LeBoeuf, Roland, Clerk	25 Chestnut St.
Lemire, Napoleon - Frame Maker	30 Taft St.
Lepage, Adelard - Foreman	122 Litchfield Ave.
Libera, Joseph - Optical Worker	9 Ballard Ct.
Lippe, Clement - Specmaker	711 Main St.
Loranger, Edward - Def. Worker	127 Pleasant St.
Lucier, Theodore - Springfield Arm.	14 Spring St.

Loranger, Napoleon J. - Innkeeper	18 Pine St.
Lusignan, William - Sub-foreman	393 Worcester St.
Lynch, Charles - Inspector	26 School St.
Maloney, Phillip - A. O. Co.	87 Edwards St.
Marand, Napoleon - Polisher	276 Mechanic St.
Mathieu, Isaac - Canvasser	50 Coombs St.
Matte, Osa - Amer Worster	77 Moon St.
Mitchell, Irving - Clerk	47 Oliver St.
Monnette, Moise - Clerk	50 Coombs St.
Moriarty, Timothy J. - Mill Operator	150 Pleasant St.
Nadeau, Jean Baptiste - Retired	266 Main St.
Nichols, Thomas - Retired	29 Fiske St.
Normandin, Joseph S. - Clerk	14 Dresser St.
Noyes, Gordon - Retired	16 Edwards St.
Orsini, Antonio - A. O. Co.	145 Elm St.
O'Shaughnessy, John J., Sr. - Real Estate	164 Hamilton St.
Page, Ernest P. - Salesman	431 Hamilton St.
Paquette, Walter - Foreman	Brickyard Road
Paquin, William - Inspector	32 Worcester St.
Patnaude, George - Warper	12 Pine St.
Paul, Wilfred - Truck Driver	45 Union St.
Paulhus, Albert - Gate Tender	199 Charlton St.
Peloquin, Felis - Wire Stretcher	27 Coombs St.
Peloquin, Narcisse - Repair Man	62 Green Ave.
Peloquin, Philip, - Painter	216 Everett St.
Perron, Omer - Merchant	215 Marcy St.
Pezzetti, John - Ins. Agent	7 Glover St.
Picard, Alfred A. - Truck Driver	482 Main St.
Pinsonneault, Richard - Inspector	110 Pine St.
Plante, Ernest A. - Bartender	41 Union St.
Plouffe, George E. - Truer	135 Marcy St.
Pratt, Walter W. - Farmer	873 N. Woodstock Rd.
Pratt, W. Willis - Farmer	700 Woodstock Rd.
Proulx, Charles F. - Carpenter	81 Wall St.

Proulx, Joseph D. - Cook	46 South St.
Raimondo, Bernard L. - Foreman	9 Crescent St.
Renaud, George - Machine Operator	149 Mill St.
Renaud, Israel, Jr. - Machinist	173 Pine St.
St. Germaine, Joseph - Laborer	120 Sayles St.
St. Martin, Arsene - Printer	23 Chapin St.
St. Martin, Rudolphe - Sub-Foreman	75 Hamilton St.
St. Pierre, Rodolphe - Machinist	10 Rose St.
Sansoucy, Leonard, - Bookkeeper	449 Hamilton St.
Santo, Dominic - Foreman	462 Elm St.
Silk, George W. - Clerk	723 Main St.
Staves, Arthur - Freight Clerk	37 Franklin St.
Stypulkowski, Anthony - Mach. Operator	110 Old Sturbridge Rd.
Talbot, Ernest - Laborer	34 Hamilton St.
Tasciotti, Ralph - Knife Maker	113 Cross St.
Tavernier, Omer J. - Edger	10 Lens St.
Tetreault, Eugene - Clerk	53 Fiske St.
Thomas, Gregory - Merchant	84 Dresser St.
Toomey, John F. - Clerk	30 North St.
Trahan, Ovilla - Carpenter	16 Clarke St.
Tsavidis, John - Polisher	33 Crystal St.
Tully, Andrew F., Sr. - Order Clerk	547 Main St.
Varin, Raymond - Foreman	110 Mechanic St.
Whalen, Robert - Warper	62 Mill St.
Willet, Lloyd F. - Ins. Agent	Westwood Parkway
Ziu, Thomas - Inspector	46 Morris St.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Voters of Southbridge:

The following report covers the activities of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1944.

A new Switch Panel was installed in the Town Hall Auditorium to replace an obsolete and dangerous one.

Three Automatic Auxiliary Electric Lamps were installed in the Auditorium for the safety of the Public. This is compulsory by law.

A new Celotex Ceiling and Linoleum flooring has improved the Selectmen's Office.

Postwar plans are being studied for the installation of a ventilation system and fire escapes for the Main Auditorium.

The Second World War Veterans' Rehabilitation Committee was established to aid the various veterans after their discharge from the Armed Forces. Many cases have been helped in hospitalization, obtaining jobs and general advice for their benefit.

The Southbridge Public Improvement Committee was formed to consider Postwar activities.

Your Airport Committee after considerable studies accepted plans and began the construction of the local Airport and has been built up-to-date, ahead of schedule.

Your Board wishes to thank the various committees and Town Departments for their cooperation and their interest in the various activities.

LEO J. COURNOYER

WESLEY K. COLE

NAPOLEON J. BLANCHARD

Selectmen

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration my yearly report ending December 31, 1944.

Complaints made in the District Court during the fiscal year, Total 653. Males 611, Females 42.

MISCELLANEOUS

Motor Vehicle accidents with personal injuries.	22
Motor Vehicle accidents with property damaged	34
Motor Vehicle stolen and recovered	8
Motor Vehicle licenses suspended or revoked	39
Persons injured in Motor Vehicle accidents	19
Persons killed in Motor Vehicle accidents	3
Parking summons served.	66
Doors and windows found unlocked	187
Lodging given to travelers.	93
Persons reported missing.	25
Bicycles reported stolen.	9
Goods stolen and recovered.	\$10,947.43
Goods stolen not recovered.	1,874.38
Radio calls sent out.	923

In behalf of the police officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board and Town officials for their consideration during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES

For the Town

Wardwell M. Edwards, Chairman

Dr. Nerio W. Ploppi

Oswald J. Laliberte

For the Edwards Bequest

George B. Wells

Gertrude W. Smith

W. Wesley Crawford

Arthur Kay

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1945:

Week days--10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Closed 1945:

January 1--New Year's Day

May 30--Memorial Day

July 4--Independence Day

September 3--Labor Day

November 11--Armistice Day (Until 2:00 P.M.)

November 22--Thanksgiving Day

December 25--Christmas Day

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

In spite of hobbling along with an inadequate staff until August, the library has had a good and busy year. Circulation increased over last year's by more than 6,000, and more normal use has been made of the Reference Department.

In August Mrs. C. Barnard Price, a former staff member, returned as Children's Librarian, and the circulation of children's books for the year was nearly half that of adult books. The collection of books for Young Adults (High School age) has been given more attention and care this year with gratifying results.

The Technical Department, with its reading room and book collection on the ground floor is growing slowly, but is not sufficiently used to make us proud of it. More publicity would probably result in more extensive use but time is lacking on the part of a limited staff and of officers of the Technical Society, joint sponsors of the project.

The increase in circulation figures (books borrowed for home use) broken down is: adult fiction 2,189; adult non-fiction 1,355; children's books 2,408; and books in foreign languages 112 - 5%, 7.6%, 8.9%, 19% respectively. The books in foreign languages are drawn from our own French collection and loan collections of twenty or more books at a time in each of the following languages: French, Italian, Green and Polish. Southbridge could make use of a collection in Albanian language but has been unable to buy or borrow any.

Instead of shying away from books about the war, the tendency in former years, Southbridge readers have become clamorous for the newest and best of the reporters' accounts, the personal adventures of those in action, and to a lesser extent, but noticeable, in the many proposals of future solutions of our present ills. Some of us are still reading to forget about the war but more are really aware that our thinking and our decisions are an important factor in the outcome.

Borrowers have grown used to the registration system and are no longer up in arms at being given a new number, but the system now in force will have to run another five years before we can tell exactly how many people use the library, and so how vital a force we are in the community.

Increased use of the library after the war will bring more acute realization of our cramped working space. Reading rooms and shelving capacity are fairly adequate but books do not come from the publishers ready to circulate, and inefficient handling of their preparation because of lack of space for such work means a slowing down in efficiency. Long range planning becomes a necessary part of our responsibilities, and perhaps the range is not so long as we assume. Southbridge has every advantage as a natural center and leader in this part of the state. Its library should conform to standards that would assure such leadership and adequate service to every one of its 16,825 citizens. Conforming to established standards means first of all, a budget of \$21,250 as against our 1944 budget of \$14,350. That is a goal toward which we travel slowly but hopefully.

STATISTICAL RECORD

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of Founding	1871
Population served	16,825
Days open during year	308
Hours open each week	66
Number of volumes January 1, 1944	27,883
Number of volumes added	1,699
New 1,439)	Including 349 books by gift and
Replaced 260)	transfer from Rental Collection
Number of volumes discarded	482
Number of volumes December 31, 1944	29,100
Number of registered borrowers (estimate)	6,000
Number of volumes lent for home use	94,747

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Eleanor Shane
Reference Librarian	Elaine Van Nostrand
Children's Librarian	Elizabeth B. Price
Janitor	Romualdo Di Bonaventura

PART TIME STAFF

Jean Small	Helen Rowley	Louise E. LeClair
Darthia P. Bernheim	Anne Marie Langevin	Muriel P. O'Shaughnessy
Patricia Robson		Gertrude L. Peloquin

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR SHANE
Librarian

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1944 Receipts and Expenditures
1945 Budget Estimate

<u>Item</u>	<u>1944 Receipts</u>	<u>1944 Expenditures</u>	<u>1945 Budget</u>
RECEIPTS			
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE			
APPROPRIATION	10,350.00		
Less Refund to E. & D. a/c	<u>92.35</u>		
	10,257.65		

MYNOTT FUND

Bal. Jan. 1, 1944	\$57.72	
Receipts	<u>20.00</u>	
	77.72	
Disbursements	<u>13.83</u>	13.83
Bal. Dec. 31, 1944	63.89	

TRUSTEE FUNDS

Bal. Jan. 1, 1944	905.20	
Receipts		
(Edwards Trusts)	4,974.88	
(Bradford Trust)	97.36	

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Interest Sp. Reserve	65.00	
Total Receipts	6,042.44	
Disbursements	3,810.46	3,810.46
Trans. to Sp. Reserve	1,000.00	
Operating Balance		
Dec. 31, 1944	1,231.98	

SPECIAL RESERVE

Jan. 1, 1944	4,000.00
1944 Addition	1,000.00
Dec. 31, 1944	5,000.00

TOTAL 1944 Receipts	\$14,081.94
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EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL

Acct.

101)	Librarian & Assistant		
102)			
103	Regular Employees		
104	Part-time Employees		
105	Sunday Opening	\$6,638.41	\$7,100.00

BUILDING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING & GROUNDS

150	Payroll - Janitor		
151	Payroll - Janitor's Helpers		
301	Fuel		
302	Light		
303	Water		
304	Supplies		
305	Removal of Ashes, etc.		
306	Misc. Expenses	2,710.38	2,850.00

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

401)	Telephone, Stationery		
402)	and Postage		
403	Desk & Office Supplies		
404	Audit		
405	Survey		
406	Pension		
407	Miscellaneous	1,418.86	1,500.00
351	Building Maintenance	128.13	150.00
352	Grounds Maintenance	21.25	100.00

BOOKS & PERIODICALS

201	Books		
202	Periodicals	2,900.67	2,600.00
250	Book Repairs	264.24	400.00

EQUIPMENT

501 Furniture & Fixtures

100.00

\$14,081.94 \$14,800.00

Special Appropriation

Building Repairs & Improvements

1,000.00-A
\$15,800.00

A. Special appropriation \$5,000.00 requested by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a period of five years at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year, is referred to Finance Committee for decision as to year 1945. In view of existing conditions, this appropriation was not granted for 1942, 1943, or 1944. Trustees call attention to importance of this special appropriation being made available as soon as conditions warrant.

Involves Lighting,
Heating & RenovationSUMMARY

	1944 Budget Amount	%	1944 Appropriation Amount	%	1944 Expenditures Amount	%	1945 Budget Amount	%
Town-Normal Basis	10,350.00	67.43	10,350.00	72.13	10,350.00	-	10,800.00	68.35
Town-Special Fund	1,000.00	6.51	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	6.33
Town Cr. to E&D a/c					92.35			
	11,350.00				10,257.65	72.84		
Trustee Funds	4,000.00	26.06	4,000.00	27.87	3,810.46	27.06	4,000.00	25.32
Mynott Funds					13.83	.10		
Total	15,350.00	100.00	14,350.00	100.00	14,081.94	100.00	15,800.00	100.00

If the amount collected by Library and turned in to Town Treasurer (\$1,043.39) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1944 (\$9,214.26) is 65.43% of the cost for year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1945 of \$4,000.00 from trust funds. On this basis the town cost will be only 74.68% of total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00 if granted, and 68.35% if that special appropriation is not granted.

APPROVED BY TRUSTEES
THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

W. M. EDWARDS

N. W. PIOPPi

O. J. LALIBERTE

G. B. WELLS

GERTRUDE W. SMITH

ARTHUR KAY

W. W. CRAWFORD

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To The Citizens of Southbridge Massachusetts:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year 1944:

Taxes of 1941:

Exemption from Estate	\$61.10
Collected from Estate	<u>\$61.10</u>

Taxes:

Levy of 1942:

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$696.66
Exemption under Chapter 59, Sec. 5a	<u>63.38</u>

	\$760.04
Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$760.04</u>

Taxes:

Levy of 1943:

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$33,748.55
Exemption under Chapter 59, Sec. 5a	<u>60.12</u>

	<u>\$33,808.67</u>
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Payments to Treasurer	\$33,625.33	
Tax Title	31.82	
Abated	47.70	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	<u>103.82</u>	<u>\$33,808.67</u>

Taxes:

Levy of 1944:

Payments to Treasurer	\$495,051.17	
Abated	4,901.79	
Tax Title	191.37	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	<u>23,455.41</u>	
Refunds paid by Treasurer	\$6.00	<u>\$523,593.74</u>

Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1943:

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$135.41
Commitments per warrants	<u>26.00</u>

Payments to Treasurer	\$135.49
Abated	<u>25.92</u>
	<u>\$161.41</u>

Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1944:

Commitments per warrants	\$15,438.69
Payments to Treasurer	\$15,017.00
Abated	436.29
Outstanding December 31, 1944	<u>115.60</u>
Refunds paid by Treasurer	\$130.20
	<u>\$15,438.69</u>

Sewer Assessments:

Levy of 1943:

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$161.29
Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$161.29</u>

Sewer Assessments Interest:

Levy of 1943:

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$13.71
Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$13.71</u>

Added interest on Sewer assessments payments	<u>\$3.91</u>
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Sidewalk Assessments:**Levy of 1943:**

Outstanding January 1, 1943

\$7.58

Payments to Treasurer

\$7.58**Sidewalk Assessment Interest:****Levy of 1943:**

Outstanding of January 1, 1944

\$1.36

Payments to Treasurer

\$1.36**Sewer Assessments:****Levy of 1944:**

Advance Payment

\$255.20

33.79

\$288.99

Payments to Treasurer

\$245.42

Outstanding December 31, 1944

43.57\$288.99**Sewer Assessment Interest:****Levy of 1944:**

Payments to Treasurer

\$18.39

Outstanding December 31, 1944

4.60

\$22.99

\$22.99**Sidewalk Assessments:****Levy of 1944:**

Payments to Treasurer

\$84.35

Outstanding December 31, 1944

24.46

\$108.81

\$108.81**Sidewalk Assessment Interest:****Levy of 1944:**

Payments to Treasurer

\$9.13

Outstanding December 31, 1944

2.94

\$12.07

\$12.07**Interest and costs on Taxes and Assessments:**

Levy of 1941:

\$9.16

Levy of 1942:

34.65

Levy of 1943:

760.43

Levy of 1944:

165.68

\$969.82

Grand total collected during the year 1944

\$546,165.09

I wish to thank the citizens of Southbridge and the various Town Officials for their kind cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MEDERIC DUHAMEL

Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944. Giving values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, value of properties where loss occurred, also recommendations I deem necessary for the ensuing year.

I recommend for 1945 an appropriation of \$62,921.92.

We responded to 360 Still Alarms and 11 Bell Alarms. Total 371 Alarms.

The detailed report follows:

Value of buildings	\$ 348,200.00
Loss on buildings	8,303.30
Insurance on buildings	4,361,500.00
Insurance paid on buildings	8,143.30
Value of contents	3,258,900.00
Loss on contents	8,493.57
Insurance on contents	3,229,750.00
Insurance paid on contents	8,493.57

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMITS

There were 574 permits issued for transporting gasoline, high explosives, range oil burners, power burners, open air permits and removal of empty gasoline tanks.

INSPECTIONS

There were 1,288 inspections made of stores, hotels & boarding houses, tenement houses, range oil burners, power burners and clubs and cafes.

In closing my report for the year, I wish to thank the citizens for their cooperation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Chief of the Fire Department

For the Fire Department
Archie Langevin (Clerk)

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 21 alarms for forest fires in 1944.

There were 295 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their cooperation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In 1944 the Ambulance Department has collected \$740.00.

During the past year the ambulance made 171 trips in town of Southbridge and 121 out-of-town trips.

I wish at this time to thank all the Red Cross Ambulance Corps for their splendid cooperation when our ambulance was out of town or being repaired.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Chief of the Fire Department

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Following the elections in the Spring, the Board of Health met and organized as follows: Dr. William E. Langevin, Chairman; Dr. Raymond F. Haling, Clerk; and Mr. Ernest Tetreault, the other member.

Twelve regular and two special meetings were held in the course of the year.

The disposal of garbage has been carried on under contract, for the past two years. Although every effort was made by the Board to maintain the collection on schedule, numerous complaints were registered by householders, especially in the summer months. Several factors were responsible for these complaints, such as the unusual accumulation of garbage during the canning season, lack of adequate help, and unforeseen repair on equipment.

Various nuisances, such as dumping and burning rubbish and garbage in forbidden areas, were reported during the year. Also objectionable noises and odors coming from poultry houses and barns situated too close to dwellings. Since the voters and taxpayers provide the necessary funds for periodic collection of garbage and rubbish, it seems that certain townspeople with considerable inconvenience and effort to themselves, persist in disregarding health rules and regulations. Every incident was investigated and offenders advised as to the proper method to abate same. In order to inform the general public, the Board of Health published two articles in the local newspaper stating the major nuisances as health problems and their relation to the primary requisites of a healthy community.

Our well-equipped milk-testing laboratory has been available to all producers and dealers within the town limits. With the high standard required by this industry, these facilities have been helpful in assisting dealers to comply with latest regulations.

In cooperation with the State Department of Public Health, our inspector with Mr. Theodore Shepardson, the District Sanitary Inspector made a survey of the local eating and drinking establishments. Over fifty places were visited, each one checked as to general cleanliness, efficiency of equipment, handling and storage of food to preserve same from contamination. The findings recorded on charts were compared with the minimum United States Public Health regulations. About forty-eight per cent compared favorably with the requirements. Gross negligence was called to the attention of the manager, with suggestions for improvements.

Last June, Mr. Paul Dneillo, the supervising health district sanitary officer, met with the Board to discuss the state-wide restaurant sanitization program, aimed at controlling a number of our communicable diseases. The State Department of Public Health is planning to formulate a set of recommended rules and regulations, and inspection forms for eating and drinking establishments for later adoption by the cities and towns.

In addition, there is a series of lectures as to the proper handling of food and personal hygiene, to be given to employers, managers, and employees. This course may be conducted by the local Board of Health, with the assistance of the Department of Public Health.

Clinics for the detection and immunization of disease, also for the correction of dental defects were sponsored during the year, to help maintain our public health program for the prevention of disease.

In closing, the members of the Board of Health wish to express their appreciation to all persons and organizations who have co-operated with the department in the promotion of community health.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. LANGEVIN, M.D., Chairman

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D., Clerk

ERNEST TETREAUULT

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Board of Health
Town of Southbridge, Mass.

The following is the report of examinations of the parochial schools for the year 1944:

Notre-Dame School

Total children examined--483

Defects requiring notices--219

Carious Teeth.	94
Enlarged Tonsils	56
(Tonsils Removed--22--defects corrected)	
Ears - Cerumen	19
Eyes corrected with glasses	18
Blephritis	1
Eye Squint	5
Nose	1
Herpes Lips	1
Skin - Acne	14
Lungs.	1
Heart.	9
Spine.	1

Foot Defects--97

Classified as follows:

Weak Feet.	13
Pronation.	12
Flat Feet.	24
Congenital Feet.	1
Athlete's Foot	1
Depressed Anterior Arch.	2
Overlapping 5th Digit R.F.	1
Dermatitis - Left Foot	1
Dermatitis Venenata.	1
Hallux Valgus.	1
Deformed 3rd-4th-5th Digits.	1
PesCavus from Anterior Polio	1
Epidermophytosis	8
Exzematous Dermatitis.	1
Encipient Deformity	1
Polydactylism Bilateral.	1
Ringworm	1
Heloma	1
Strain Foot.	1

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School

Total children examined--379

Defects requiring notices--178

Carious Teeth.	104
Enlarged Tonsils	60
(Tonsils Removed--10--defects corrected)	
Ears - Cerumen	9
Eyes corrected with glasses.	5
Skin - Acne	11

Poor Nutrition	1
Heart Condition.	9
Curvature of Spine	1

Foot Defects--72

Classified as follows:

Weak Feet.	13
Pronation.	14
Flat Feet.	25
Depressed Anterior Arch.	5
Heloma	1
Hallux Valgus.	2
Severe knock-knee and toeing-in left foot.	1
Absence of 5th Digit	1
Webbed 2nd-3rd Digits.	1
Hallux Flexus.	1
Retracted Digits--Depressed Anterior Arch.	1
Severe Arthritis (generalized)	1
Dermatitis Dorsal Digital (chronic).	1
Dermatitis Interdigital.	1
Epidermaphylosis	2
Hyperhidrosis.	2

St. Mary's School

Total children examined--169

Defects requiring notices--61

Carious Teeth.	33
Enlarged Tonsils	60
(Tonsils Removed--7--defects corrected)	
Ears - Cerumen	1
Eyes	1
Eyes corrected with glasses.	4
Heart Condition.	4
Speech	1

Foot Defects--28

Classified as follows:

Weak Feet.	3
Strained Feet.	1
Flat Feet.	7
Pronation.	8
Depressed Interior Arch.	1
Ingrown Nail	1
Overlapping Fifth Digit.	3
Epidermophytosis	4

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING

Parochial School Physician

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health, I hereby submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office during the past year.

Anterior Poliomyelitis.....	2	Chicken Pox.....	48
Dog Bite.....	15	Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis..	2
German Measles.....	2	Lobar Pneumonia.....	16
Malaria.....	1	Measles.....	191
Mumps.....	6	Scarlet Fever.....	14
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	11	Typhoid Fever.....	1
Meningitis.....	1	Pneumococcus-Type 18-Meningitis.....	1
Broncho-Pneumonia.....	3	Undulant Fever.....	1
TOTAL.....		315	

List of deaths in Town for which this office has issued permits for burial.

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Acute Cardiac Dilatation.....	1	Cerebral Thrombosis.....	2
Acute Coronary Occlusion.....	2	Chronic Cardiac Insufficiency.....	1
Acute Dilatation of Heart....	1	Chronic Myocarditis.....	9
Acute Heart Failure.....	1	Coronary Heart Disease.....	3
Acute Myocardial Decompensation.....	1	Coronary Occlusion Heart Disease.....	8
Acute Myocardial Infection...	1	Coronary Sclerosis.....	2
Angina Pectoris.....	1	Coronary Thrombosis.....	6
Arteriosclerostic Heart Disease.....	7	Generalized Arterio Sclerosis.....	1
Cardiac Decomposition.....	1	Hodgkins' Disease.....	1
Cardiac Failure.....	1	Hypertension Heart Disease.	2
Myocardial Degeneration.....	3	Rheumatic Heart Disease....	2
Myocardial Failure.....	2	Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis.....	1
Myocarditis.....	1		

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Anaemia of Brain.....	1	Cerebral Thrombosis.....	3
Cerebral Apoplexy.....	1	Meningoencephalitis.....	1
Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	11	Peritonitis.....	1
Cerebral Infarct.....	1		

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Broncho Pneumonia.....	9	Pneumonia.....	1
Cancer of Lung.....	1	Pulmonary Atelectosis.....	1
Lobar Pneumonia.....	3	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	4

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Acute Intestinal Obstruction.	1	Carcinoma of Liver.....	1
Acute Pancreatitis.....	1	Carcinoma of Stomach.....	1
Adenocarcinoma of Bladder....	1	Cirrhosis of Liver.....	1
Adenocarcinoma of Stomach....	2	Colitis (Following ruptured appendix).....	1
Appendiceal Abscess.....	1	Diabetes Mellitus.....	2
Cancer of Rectum.....	2	Primary Carcinoma of Liver.	1
Carcinoma of Bladder.....	1	Ulcerative Colitis.....	1
Carcinoma of Bowels.....	2		

ALL OTHER DISEASES

Atelectosis of Membrane.....	1	Lymphoma (Malignant).....	1
Carcinoma of Uterus.....	1	Nutritional Edema.....	1
Cardio-renal Vascular Disease	1	Partial Bilateral Atelectasis.....	1
Chemical Pneumonitis.....	1	Poisoning by Illuminating Gas.....	2
Left Hemiplegia.....	1	Premature.....	6
Stillborn.....	10	Sudden Death.....	9

ACCIDENTAL

Asphyxiation by Choking.....	1	Fracture of Cervical Vertebra.....	1
Asphyxiation by Suspension (Suicide).....	1	Fracture of Skull.....	3
Compound Fracture of the Skull	1	Multiple Fractured Ribs....	1
Fracture of Femur.....	1		

Respectfully submitted,
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

REPORT OF FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

Early this year, with the cooperation of the Sanitary Inspector of the Southern Worcester County Health District, we carried on a survey of all the eating and drinking establishments within this town.

These inspections covered the location of the establishment and its equipment, the construction, maintenance and storage of all the utensils, dishes, pots and pans, foods and their refrigeration, the screening of outside doors and windows, toilet facilities for employees and patrons, the number of employees working in these places and the number of customers served daily.

We visited 58 such places, where 242 persons were employed to serve more than 13,000 customers each day. During the course of the year, we also took bacterial samples in a representative number of establishments on dishes, glasses, cups and spoons. These samples, when plated and incubated showed a plate count ranging from 7 or 8 colonies per surface per utensil to well over a million, emphasizing the crying need of improvement in the sanitation of these utensils.

The customary inspections of bakeries, groceries, markets, etc., was carried on as usual, visiting the following places of business:

Groceries and Markets.....	83	Inspections
Restaurants and Lunch Rooms.....	103	"
Soda Fountains and Lunch Bars.....	26	"
Hotels, Cafes, Bars, (Liquor).....	82	"
Dairies and Milk Plants.....	97	"
Ice Cream Plants.....	9	"
Bakeries.....	17	"
Soft Drink Bottling Works.....	2	"
Total number of inspections.....	419	

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Food Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1944.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

During the past year, twelve consultation clinics were held according to schedule, the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 P.M. The personnel consisted of a lung specialist, and an x-ray technician from Rutland. Since the value of chest x-ray is recognized, the facilities of this service is used more and more by various groups as part of their physical examination. The Massachusetts Hairdressers' Association recently issued a request that all hairdressers have a complete physical examination with chest x-ray. Several young women reported to the clinic for this service. Two hundred and fifteen patients were x-rayed, representing thirty-five physicians, and fifteen towns.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Diphtheria is best prevented by immunization of all children early in life, from six months to six years is the ideal time. Since the last case of diphtheria was reported seven years ago, we feel that our clinics and educational program have contributed considerably to achieve this record. One hundred and forty were immunized, thirty of this number were in the preschool group.

DENTAL CLINIC

Following our regular program, all school children in the first four grades in the public and private schools are eligible to attend the clinics. Each child with a permit from his parent is admitted and is given the necessary treatment, in so far as our program will allow. A great deal is accomplished both in repair work and in an educational way. Children attending regularly during their first four years in school would benefit by this service. It would help them form the habit of oral cleanliness.

Number of children who reported to clinic..... 563

Number of extractions..... 19

Number of cleanings..... 481

Number of fillings..... 181

Number of children who received certificates.... 181

PRESCHOOL CLINIC

Following the State Department Public Health recommendations, the Board of Health in cooperation with the school department held four clinics in June, to give each child an opportunity to have a physical examination. The purpose of these clinics is to have every child enter school in good health, with all defects corrected. The findings were tabulated on their health card for future reference during their school days. One hundred and fifty-one children attended the clinics.

Ten hundred and thirty-one children in the elementary grades of the parochial schools were examined by the school physician as-

sisted by the nurse. These routine physical examinations take place each year, as soon as possible, after schools open in the Fall. The purpose is to note the general health, to detect symptoms of contagious disease, and, on the whole, to check the growth and well-being of the child since the last examination. Good appearance and an increase in height and weight usually finds a child physically normal. Parents are advised of defects found and urged to follow recommendations.

With the cooperation of the State Department of Public Health the pupils in St. Mary's School were given an eye-test with the Massachusetts Vision Test Kit. This test provides an improved method for detecting children with suspected visual handicap. From those screened by the test, the eye specialist can determine which cases should receive treatment. Two hundred and thirty-three were examined; thirty-seven failed to pass.

Measles was the predominating communicable disease among school and preschool children this year. As each case was reported, the susceptible contacts were excluded from school for two weeks. Instructions were given to make every effort to separate the contacts from the patients, thus reducing the risk of complications. Fortunately, most cases were mild.

Six girls were sent to the Sterling Health Camp for a period of eight weeks. Selection of children was made on the basis of exposure to tuberculosis, and certain other requirements. During the summer, they follow a carefully planned schedule, getting the proper amount of rest, recreation, also a well-balanced diet. Each child gained weight. This camp, maintained by the annual sale of Christmas seals, is part of a nationwide program for the prevention of tuberculosis.

At this time, I wish to thank the members of the Nurses' Aide Corps for services rendered in the clinics, also any other organization or individual who assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.

REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

The majority of the plumbing installations in 1944 were for repairs and maintenance of properties, except the development at Lebanon Park where all the buildings are newly erected.

We hereby submit the following tabulation of work with the number of new and used fixtures installed.

Unfinished Jobs on January 1, 1944.....	7
Number of Permits granted.....	123
Number of Inspections made.....	224
Number of Water Tests.....	40
Unfinished Jobs on December 31, 1944.....	23

NUMBER OF FIXTURES INSTALLED	NEW	USED
Water Closets.....	79	7
Lavatories.....	56	11
Bath Tubs.....	45	3
Kitchen Sinks.....	46	7
Sink & Tray Combinations.....	1	
Water Heaters and Stove Coils.....	22	2
Hot Water Tanks.....	101	
Urinals.....	1	
Shower Pans.....	6	
Washing Fountains.....	2	
Drinking Fountains.....	2	
Foot Baths.....	1	
Dental Cuspidors.....	1	
Soda Fountains.....	....	1
Floor Drains.....	3	
Water Piping Jobs.....	27	
Sewer Connections.....	7	
Total New Fixtures Installed.....	366	
Total Used Fixtures Installed.....		31

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

The constantly dwindling amount of meats supplied to our local markets by the regular prewar packing houses has caused this to be a busy year in the local slaughterhouses.

From January 1st to December 31st, we have inspected and passed for food the following:

Carcasses of Beef.....	452
Carcasses of Veal.....	524
Carcasses of Hogs.....	322
Carcasses of Sheep.....	47
Carcasses of Goats.....	<u>6</u>
Total number of carcasses inspected.....	1351

During the year, we have condemned for food, destroyed or otherwise disposed of the following:

BEEF. Hinds, fores, loins, flanks. REASON: Bruises...	676 lbs.
BEEF HEADS. Reason: Actinomycosis. (Lumpy Jaw).....	1 head
BEEF LIVERS. Reason: Tumorous.....	76 lbs.
HOG CARCASSES. (2) Reason: Hog Cholera (1) Jaundice (1)	307 lbs.
HOG LIVERS. (2) Reason: ABSCESSSES. (1) PARASITIC INFECTION (1).....	<u>7 lbs.</u>
Total meat condemned.....	.1067 lbs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Slaughtering

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

No requests from any state or federal authorities were received this year as to the number of cattle, hogs, sheep or goats quartered within the town limits.

The scarcity and high cost of animal fodder and the lack of agricultural workers is compelling more and more small farmers to sell out their livestock, mostly for slaughtering for meat. The larger dairy farmers are slowly but continuously increasing their herds to meet the constant demand for fluid milk, a demand which has remained at the prewar level notwithstanding the large number of boys and girls who have joined the armed services.

The market price for dairy cattle continues at a high level ranging anywhere from \$225.00 and more, according to breed and production capacities.

The annual tuberculin tests of dairy cattle by the state authorities revealed no reactors in this vicinity, which can be regarded as a blessing in disguise, as no barns or stables had to be disinfected. All animals appear to be in good health, and their quarters are kept reasonably clean, considering the lack of workers.

The following is a summary of the various duties performed during the year:

Barns and stables inspected.....	56
Heads of cattle imported from other states and checked as to T.B. ear tag numbers and Bang's disease certificates.....	39
Heads of cattle quarantined for Mastitis and Bang's disease.....	37
Dog bites investigated and animals quarantined for 14 days.....	17
Total number of animals inspected.....	584
Barns and stables disinfected.....	0
Number of heads shipped to Wassermann Laboratory...	2

We wish to take this opportunity to thank your Honorable Board as well as all other people concerned for their prompt cooperation that helped to lighten our duties.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Animals

To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen:

The demand for more fluid milk and cream continues unabated despite the number of boys and girls who have joined the armed services. As a matter of fact, a number of the larger producers have more than doubled their output within the last two years, offsetting those who have dropped out of the business during this time.

The dairy farmers within our jurisdiction have imported 78 heads of dairy cattle from other states during the year, in addition to purchasing a larger number within Massachusetts. The number of milk dealers licensed in this town has dwindled down to 28 compared to 31 last year, and the number of producers down to 93 from 98 in 1943.

The dairy feed situation is none too good, and the price of good dairy cattle continues steadily in the higher brackets, ranging from \$225.00 to \$300.00 per head. A considerable number of dairy cattle has been sold for beef due to the failure of the local hay crops and the resultant increased demand and higher price of this fodder.

We have not conducted as many tests as usual on milk and cream due to the pressure of other important additional duties, and most of these tests have been performed early in the year until late last summer. Nothing very serious was revealed in the various analyses, and in general, our milk supply is consistently of a good quality.

We have performed the following tests and analyses from samples taken at the milk plants, at the dairy farms at milking time, and from the vehicles of the dealers:

Butter-Fats Tests, (Composite Samples).....	142
Butter-Fats Tests, (Individual Cows).....	74
Solids and Acidity Tests.....	246
Phosphatase Tests, (Pasteurization).....	23
Analyses for Mastitis, (Composite Samples).....	117
Analyses for Mastitis, (Individual Cows).....	82
Microscopic Bacteria Counts and Examinations.....	338
Standard Plate Counts.....	89
Number of Samples Collected.....	332
Number of Samples of Goat Milk Tested.....	2
Number of Cows disposed of for Mastitis.....	63
Number of Cows disposed of for Bang's Disease.....	7
Visits to Dairy Farms and Milk Plants.....	49

Approximately 10,000 quarts of milk and 200 quarts of 18% cream are sold daily in this town, more than 80% of which is pasteurized. The scarcity of butter has caused a sharp increase in the number of licenses issued for oleomargarine, the total number of licenses for milk and its products being:

Pasteurizing Plants.....	4
Ice Cream Plants.....	2
Milk and Cream, Stores, Hotels, Restaurants.....	
Milk and Cream, Dealers, (Vehicles).....	28
Oleomargarine.....	29

Farm labor continues scarce and expensive, and dairy equipment and supplies are not too easily or promptly obtainable. The dairy farmers are performing an uncomplaining and patriotic duty on the home front by supplying a most essential and necessary food to the consuming public, a job that, in too many instances, is causing many of them heavy pecuniary losses.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Milk

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

We hereby submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Again during the year 1944, the case load was at a low level. This condition is due to excessive good industrial conditions.

The following statistics show the General Relief case load:

	<u>CASES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	STATE	LOCAL	CASES	PERSONS
January	10	38	48	91
February	9	39	48	95
March	9	41	50	108
April	9	37	46	91
May	9	35	44	88
June	7	34	41	83
July	10	31	41	89
August	9	32	41	94
September	8	33	41	99
October	9	35	44	101
November	8	40	48	111
December	8	36	44	100

Under Aid to Dependent Children this department assisted thirty-eight dependent children, who were eligible for this assistance. Under this program the town received participation from the Federal Government and the State Department.

In 1944, as in the past years, the Child Welfare Service, under the supervision of Mrs. Edith Cushing has given services to children, whose individual difficulties or home conditions needed special attention.

During the year 1944, three females and fourteen males were cared for at the local Infirmary, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beauregard.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman

MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Clerk

OVIDE DESROSIERES, 3rd Member

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

Board of Public Welfare

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

During the year 1944, the Bureau of Old Age Assistance assisted 185 cases. The following tabulation shows monthly details:

Month	Cases Added	Cases Closed	Cases Rejected	Cases Aided
January	2	2	1	161
February	1	2	1	160
March	0	3	1	158
April	3	5	0	157
May	4	0	1	157
June	3	4	0	159
July	1	3	1	155
August	3	3	0	154
September	2	1	0	155
October	2	4	2	154
November	4	3	1	156
December	2	3	0	153
Totals	27	33	8	

Reasons for Closing Cases

Deceased.....	20
To another City or Town.....	9
Children able to provide.....	3
To institutions.....	1

Due to the changes in the law, establishing uniform mandatory budgets and requiring less contributions from liable children, the total amount of the monthly payroll has increased considerably.

Effective September 1, 1944, the parents cannot accept from the liable children a lesser amount of contribution to prevent prosecution. The applicants and liable children are always notified of this ruling.

The responsibility of the local board with respect to the individual payment lies entirely within the area of determining the extent of the need and in providing funds in accordance with the standards of assistance to enable the recipient to be self-supporting. The local board has given its full cooperation in carrying out the recommendations of the State Department.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAS LIPPE

MARIE E. LARIVIERE

OVIDE DESROSIERS

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 1944. All appropriations voted since 1943. Tax Rate was fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town Clerk to be raised by taxation.	\$649,731.00	
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1943 since 1943 tax rate was fixed	<u>110,749.58</u>	\$760,480.58

STATE: Tax and Assessments	1944 Estimated	
State Tax . . .	\$30,250.00	
State Parks and Reservations	660.09	
State Audit of Municipal Account . . .	686.70	
State Examination of Retirement System	<u>42.40</u>	
	\$31,639.19	\$31,639.19

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments		
County tax.	\$25,966.04	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment. . .	<u>16,288.70</u>	
	\$42,254.74	\$42,254.74

OVERLAY of current year	<u>14,997.83</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$850,882.59

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	
Estimated receipts for the year 1944.	\$216,619.76

OVERESTIMATES of previous year to be used as available funds (Col. 4 of Cherry Sheet)	
State Parks and Reservations . .	19.51

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Amounts and date of approval by commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

\$ 91,114.02 - October 21, 1943	
9,635.56 - December 20, 1943	
<u>10,000.00 - March 30, 1944</u>	
\$110,749.58	<u>110,749.58</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	<u>327,388.85</u>
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY.	\$523,493.74
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Number of Polls 6,375 at \$2.00 each.	Tax	
	\$12,750.00	
Total Valuation ()		
Personal Property (Tax Rate)		
\$ 2,143,035.00 ()	78,863.69	
Real Estate (\$36.80)		
\$ 11,735,930.00 ()	431,882.22	
Loss on account of fractional divisions of tax rate	-2.17	
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY		\$523,493.74
ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO THE DETERMINATION OF THE TAX RATE		
Betterment and special assessments added to taxes:		
Sewer Assessemnts, Apportioned and interest.	\$278.19	
Sidewalk Assessments, apportioned and interest	95.25	
Sidewalk Assessments, unapportioned and interest	25.63	
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS		399.07
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON POLLS AND PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR TO DATE OF FIXING TAX RATE.		\$523,892.81
ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:		
July 11, 1944		
Polls 39 @ \$2.00.	78.00	
Warrant to Collector, July 11, 1944.		78.00
December 4, 1944		
Polls 11 @ \$2.00.	22.00	
Warrant to Collector, December 4, 1944		22.00
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE. . .	\$13,878,965.00	
TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON POLLS, PERSONAL, REAL ESTATE AND SEWER AND SIDEWALK ASSESSEMENTS FOR 1944.		\$523,992.81
VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR 1944.	\$444,750.00	
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1944	15,428.69	
Warrant to Collector for 1944		\$15,428.69
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION for 1944	\$14,323,715.00	
TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR FOR 1944		\$539,421.50

VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hos- pital.	\$1,768,510.00
Town Property.	1,706,490.00
U.S.P.O. Property.	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project . . .	130,250.00
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	\$3,703,250.00

Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 3477

JOSEPH T. GERVAIS

JOSEPH LAFLECHE

CHARLES NORMANDIN

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For the year ending December 31, 1944

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1944	\$ 388,264.25	
Receipts for 1944	1,260,239.16	
		\$1,648,503.41
1944 Disbursements		1,231,406.18
Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1944		\$ 417,097.23

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1945	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amount of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944
\$ 9,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$80,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	56,000.00
15,000.00	Airport Loan	1944	75,000.00	75,000.00
	Total			\$211,000.00

TEMPORARY LOAN

\$100,000.00 - Anticipation of Revenue Loan - Due May 1, 1945

Respectfully Submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1944	Int. 1944
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$75.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	30.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	60.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	49.50
Millbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	36.32
Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	75.00
Natick 5-Cent Savings	2,500.00	50.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	4,584.25	80.27
Salem 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	37.50
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	75.00
Ware Savings Banks	2,000.00	50.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings	1,714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	50.00
Worcester Co-op Fed. Bank	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Merchant's Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Mattapan Co-op	2,000.00	70.00
Mt. Washington Co-op	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op	4,000.00	110.00

Southbridge Co-op	2,000.00	62.50
Merrimack Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Minot Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Lincoln Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Totals	\$73,727.45	\$1,765.37

Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1944	\$73,352.45
Added to Fund, 1944	375.00
Cemetery Fund - Dec. 31, 1944	\$73,727.45

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS

<u>Depository</u>	<u>Balance Jan. 1, 1944</u>	<u>Int. 1944</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 1944</u>
MARY MYNOTT FUND			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$1,000.00
BOYER FUND			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$381.71	\$7.66	\$389.37
JESSE J. ANGELL FUND			
Southbridge Savings Banks	\$1,270.25	\$25.52	\$1,295.77
ELLA M. COLE FUND			
Attleboro Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$15.00	\$1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	25.00	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	1,000.00	15.00	1,000.00
HANNAH M. EDWARDS FUND			
First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	\$5,000.00	\$90.00	\$5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT P. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Following is a report of Building Construction for the Town of Southbridge ending December 31, 1944:

49 permits were issued with an estimated valuation of \$309,975.00.

\$178,000.00 was spent for manufacturing plant expansion.

122,000.00 was spent for new dwellings (Lebanon Park Project).

9,975.00 was spent for private additions, alterations, garages and misc.

Respectfully yours,

ARMAND DEANGELIS

Building Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944:

Wiring Department

Permits issued for new work	74
Permits issued for addition to old work	529
Inspection while work is in progress.	575
Recommendations to alter wiring	15
Temporary permits	13

Due to restrictions on new buildings, I have issued more permits for repairs, than last year, as wiring material is much easier to obtain.

I wish to thank Mr. LeClair and the Electric Light Company for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. DESPRES

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Your Board of Street Commissioners wish to submit the following report of the work of the Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 1944.

All work of this Department was carried on in the usual manner with expenditures as follows:

ADMINISTRATION

Commissioners Salaries.	\$600.00	
Street Superintendant's Salary.	2,200.00	\$2,800.00

STREETS & SIDEWALKS ACCOUNT

Labor	\$16,567.31	
Fuel.	263.68	
Telephone	117.89	
Oxygen & Acetylene.	28.60	
New Cutting Torch	54.00	
Sand & Gravel	224.25	
Water	24.11	
Lumber.	898.78	
Kerosene.	25.47	
Catch Basin Frames & Grates	363.72	
Lights.	89.18	
Supplies.	527.72	
Postage	4.00	
Road Oil.	4,236.76	
Cold Patch.	1,333.47	
Rental of Winch	5.88	
Broken Stone.	92.86	
Fiske Street Resurfacing (Contract)	450.00	
Cement.	419.68	
Compressor Rental	489.00	
Concrete Pipe	1,286.85	
Bulldozer Rental.	311.00	
Cliff Street Guard Rail	92.38	
Shovel Rental	679.60	
Trailer Rental.	63.75	
Tools Sharpened and Repaired.	54.30	
First Aid Supplies.	84.09	
Truck Hire.	173.02	
Eaves Troughs around Barn	74.58	\$29,035.93

ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Gasoline.	\$2,178.14	
Motor Oil and Grease.	315.57	
Registration Plates	27.50	
New and Recapped Tires.	1,163.79	
Tow Chains and Tire Chains.	463.02	
Snow Plow Cutting Edges	216.33	
Snow Loader Repairs	373.73	
Grader Repairs.	214.09	
Jaeger Concrete Mixer Repairs	23.70	
Gasoline Roller Repairs	22.00	
Repair Parts for 5 Trucks and 1 club Coupe.	\$1,702.13	\$6,700.00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

NORTH WOODSTOCK ROAD

Cutting Brush	Labor	\$64.40	64.40	
Drainage	Labor	64.40	64.40	
Sloping Bank	Labor	315.05		
	Machinery Rental	32.12	347.17	
Surface Treatment	Labor	165.60		
	Machinery Rental	51.00		
	AE3 HV Emulsion	430.98		
	#4A Stone	88.58	736.16	
Cable Guard Posts			98.95	\$1,311.08

OLD NORTH WOODSTOCK ROAD

DRAINAGE:	Labor	\$22.00		
	Machinery Rental	3.00	\$25.00	
CUTTING BRUSH:	Labor	22.00		
	Machinery Rental	3.00	25.00	
PATCHING:	Labor	8.00		
	Machinery Rental	2.00	10.00	\$60.00

DRESSER HILL ROAD

CUTTING BRUSH:	Labor	\$16.00		
	Machinery Rental	4.00	\$20.00	
PATCHING:	Labor	16.00		
	Machinery Rental	4.00	20.00	
SLOPING SHOULDERS:	Labor	44.00		
	Machinery Rental	6.00	50.00	\$90.00

WORCESTER STREET

PATCHING:	Labor	\$38.00		
	Machinery Rental	12.00	\$50.00	
DRAINAGE:	Labor	38.00		
	Machinery Rental	12.00	50.00	
SURFACE TREATMENT:	Labor	117.75		
	Machinery Rental	45.50		
MC-2 Cut Back				
Asphalt		414.99	578.24	\$678.24

SANDERSDALE ROAD

DRAINAGE:	Labor	\$38.00		
	Machinery Rental	12.00	\$50.00	
CUTTING BRUSH:	Labor	17.55	17.55	
PATCHING:	Labor	19.00		
	Machinery Rental	6.00	25.00	
SLOPES AND SHOULDERS:				
	Labor	113.00		
	Machinery Rental	27.00	140.00	
CABLE GUARD POSTS:		18.60	18.60	
SIGNS & SIGN POSTS:		64.53	64.53	\$225.68

RIVER ROAD

DRAINAGE:	Labor	\$38.00		
	Machinery Rental	12.00	\$50.00	
CUTTING BRUSH:	Labor	38.00		
	Machinery Rental	12.00	50.00	
PATCHING:	Labor	38.00		
	Machinery Rental	12.00	50.00	\$150.00

HAMILTON STREET

DRAINAGE:	Labor	\$43.00		
	Machinery Rental	7.00		\$50.00
PATCHING:	Labor	25.00		
	Machinery Rental	25.00		50.00
				<u>\$100.00</u>

MECHANIC STREET

DRAINAGE:	Labor	\$26.00		
	Machinery Rental	9.00		\$35.00
PATCHING:	Labor	35.00		
	Machinery Rental	15.00		50.00
				<u>\$85.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL CHAPTER 90 \$2,700.00

RUBBISH COLLECTION ACCOUNT

One collection was made each month from April 15th to December 15th inclusive, a total of nine (9) collections at a cost to the town of \$2,126.90.

TOWN DUMP ACCOUNT

Labor	\$1,099.00	
Rental of Dumping Grounds	93.75	\$1,192.75

SNOW AND ICE ACCOUNT

Labor	\$3,166.30	
Truck Hire	17.00	
Meals	107.90	
Calcium Chloride	139.80	\$3,414.00

BRICKYARD ROAD

Labor	\$204.45	
MC-1 Asphalt	490.42	
MC-3 Asphalt	232.30	
Gravel	40.75	\$967.92

CHARLTON SIDEWALK ACCOUNT

Labor	\$1,671.30	
Lumber	.76	
Cement Floats	3.00	
Sand	128.00	
Gravel	87.50	
Insuro	114.11	
Bituminous Concrete	263.34	\$2,268.01

GREEN AVENUE SIDEWALK

Labor	\$452.65	
Keystone Paper	3.99	
Expansion Joints	3.80	
Insuro	114.30	
Redi-Mix Concrete	74.38	\$649.12

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LAFLECHE

Board of Street Commissioners

REPORT TO TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1944:

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of Births	416
Number of Deaths	203
Number of Marriages	164
Number of Marriage Intentions	149

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Auctioneer's	4
Bowling and Pool	9
Garage	34
Gasoline	36
Junk	9
Peddler's	7
Sale of Firearms	2

DOG LICENSES RECORDED

Number of Licenses	Males	603
	Females	89
	Spayed Females	188
	Kennel	1
Total Licenses issued		881
Amount paid to Town Treasurer		\$1,918.40

SPORTING, HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING LICENSES RECORDED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	734
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	321
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	357
Resident Citizen Women's and Minor's Fishing Lic.	261
Resident Minor Trapper's Licenses	4
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	10
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-day Fishing Licenses	11
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	3
Duplicates	11
Non-Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Lic.	1
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$3,218.75

MEETINGS HELD IN 1944

1. Annual Election of Town Officers	March 6th
2. Annual Business Meeting	March 13th
3. Presidential Primary	April 25th
4. Special Town Meeting	May 29th
5. State Primary	July 11th
6. Special Town Meeting	August 21st
7. Special Town Meeting	October 30th
8. National Election	November 7th
9. Special Town Meeting	December 11th

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN

J. B. Nadeau	386 Main St.
Antonio Orsini	145 Elm St.
William Lusignan	392 Worcester St.
William Faford	11 Columbia St.
Omer Blanchette	40 Cross St.
Gedeon Chapdelaine	191 Worcester St.
George Duquette	736 Lebanon Hill
Joseph Dufault	156 Mechanic St.
Joseph A. Hebert	5 Moon St.
George W. Silk	723 Main St.
Steven L. Davis	50 Sturbridge Rd.
Armand Gaumond	711 Main St.
Mitchell Kurposka	65 Crystal St.
Charles Agard	11 Lyons St.
Alfred J. Farland	372 Hamilton St.
John Pezzetti	7 Glover St.
Adolphe Lamothe	104 Worcester St.
Joseph Julien	73 Newell Ave.
Dominic Santo	462 Elm St.
Thomas Ziu . . . . .	.46 Morris St.
Philip Peloquin . . . . .	.216 Everett St.
John T. Buckley	28 Harding Ct.
Armand Donais	444 Worcester St.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE P. BOYER

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

This department has the honor to submit its report for the year 1944. Following is a list of work accomplished for that year:

PLANNED, LAID OUT, INSPECTION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION

Hillcrest Ave. Sewer
Beecher St. Sewer
Fiske St. Sewer
Columbia St. Sewer
Lebanon Park Drain

Swimming Pool Wall
Charlton St. Sidewalk
Laurel St. Sidewalk
Randolph St. Sidewalk
Green Ave. Sidewalk

NEW STREETS LAID OUT

Windsor Court
Twinehurst Place
High St. Ext.

NEW PLANS AND ESTIMATES

Hillside Rd. Drain
Jacobs Rd. Drain
Prospect St. Drain
Main and Marcy Sts. Drain
Morris St. Drain

Westville Bridge
Worcester St. Sidewalk
Park St. Sidewalk
Hook St. Lay Out
Victory Gardens

As in previous years much time was spent giving street lines to property owners for building walls, fences, and walks. Also to Gas and Electric Co., Tel. and Tel. for setting poles, lines and grade to Water Supply Co. for laying of pipes. Measurements of property were taken for the assessors and all new buildings were given street numbers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. CLARK, B. T.

Town Engineer

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

January 22, 1945

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Another year of rationing has just closed. A year in which we have seen many changes, especially in the rationing of food. A great many foods were reduced to zero in point value, only to be given a high point value again in December, 1944. The reasons for this move were given in all the newspapers. However, in a recent release from Mr. Chester Bowles, he stated "We feel that all who stop to consider the reasons behind what seems to be an unpleasant action will agree that as Americans they are glad to face cheerfully whatever personal sacrifices are involved."

1944 also saw the end of typewriter rationing. Gasoline, tires, shoes, rubber boots, food and fuel oil are still on the ration list.

Beginning January 15th all gasoline coupons will be issued from the control center in Worcester. Applications will be received and acted upon at this office as in the past, but the coupons will be mailed from Worcester either to the transportation committee or the individual. We are, therefore, asking for the full fifteen days requested in the regulations for acting on such applications. We are very proud that this office was able to report to the Regional Office when we closed our inventory of gasoline coupons that we had not lost a coupon. Since the beginning of rationing we have handled many thousands of coupons and it has been no small task to keep accurate records of same, especially during peak loads. We are also grateful to our Police Department who have given us such splendid cooperation in seeing that our Custodian has protection while going to and from the office with the coupons. To the Southbridge Savings Bank we are also indebted for the space allotted to us in their vault. All this has helped to give us the splendid record we have achieved.

Price Control has been more active during 1944 than in 1943 and will become as time goes on the most active work of our board. The public has become accustomed to the rationing program and with understanding has come cooperation. We hope to have the same support in our price work. We are proud of the splendid cooperation shown by our merchants, owners of restaurants and all business in trying to keep prices down. We hope to gain better teamwork from the public. In fact we look to them to help us break the black market in various commodities.

At this time I wish to extend my thanks to the men and women serving with me on our board, to the men and women who have given of their time in price work or office work during the peak loads. Sixty-five women and three men are giving their services in helping the rationing board in either price or office work. On December 12, 1944 awards were given to those serving 50 hours or over. We are grateful to the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts who have helped whenever called upon. This past year we have had our office force

reduced by two and so we have not had as many retailer's meetings as we would like, due of course, to the extra load we have had to carry. However, since the retailers have requested meetings every six weeks we will make every effort to resume them.

Our various panel members and chief clerk join with me in thanking the Board of Selectmen and our townspeople for the splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE
Chairman

War Price & Rationing Board 135.284

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

January 18, 1945

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town Hall,
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter regarding report of the swimming pool, I want to take this opportunity to thank the people in the neighborhood for their cooperation, also all the lifeguards who did such a splendid job up there last summer. We had two or three near accidents but everything was very well taken care of by the people whose responsibility it was to see that no one was hurt seriously.

Your committee feels that the project is coming along as well as can be expected due to the fact that it is very hard to get material.

We have had days at the swimming pool with as large a group of boys and girls as 800. We would like to see more adults up there this summer which I believe we will as soon as we can get up a bathhouse so they would have a place to dress and undress.

This coming year we want to have the supervision again, clean up the grounds, spread some more sand and try to operate as efficiently as we did in the past.

The committee wants also to thank the Southbridge News for putting on the swimming meet when they did which we, the committee, feel was a great success.

Chairman - EMIL J. MARTIN

DR. RAYMOND F. HALING

JOHN G. CLARKE

LEOPOLD LEMMELIN

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The committee appointed to study the recreational resources of the Town of Southbridge and to make recommendations to meet the public recreational needs of our community have completed their survey. We submit this report in the hope that it will be studied by interested citizens. The aim of the committee has been two-fold; namely to outline present facilities and to determine if they are adequate to meet needs; and secondly to make recommendations based upon the findings of the study.

PRESENT PROVISION FOR PUBLIC RECREATION

Administration

The responsibility for administering the public recreation program of Southbridge is in the hands of two groups. The Park Commission elected by the citizens and the School Committee also an elected group. The activities of the Park Commission have been confined, however, to maintenance and upkeep of the parks and playgrounds of the town. The total budget appropriation for the Park Commission is under \$400.00. Because of this limited appropriation the Park Board must of necessity disregard recreational functions and use its funds for maintenance of park and play areas. The School Committee since the summer of 1941 has supervised and directed a summer playground program and in 1943 also assumed the responsibility of supervision and program development of the Swimming Pool. The playground and swimming pool program has been very well received by the parents and children of the community.

Facilities for Public Recreation

1. Areas. Southbridge has seven public areas that can be used for recreational activity.

Areas for Public Recreation

a.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Estimated Acreage</u>
	Cole Forest	33
	West Street	18
	Charlton Street	9
	Eastford Road	5
	Dresser Street	6
	Swimming Pool	5
	Second Reservoir	10
	Total	86

b. Acreage

Southbridge has a total of eighty-six acres of park, playground and play area. This acreage includes the play yards for the public school. However, about fifty-five of these acres are undeveloped and the remainder cannot be entirely used for athletic activity.

c. Park Acreage

Cole Forest is the only public park that could be used for recreational purposes. At present it is undeveloped. With the

exception of the World War Veterans' Park, amounting to one-half acre, there is no other park in the community. The Veterans' Park has benches where persons may sit and visit but no other equipment as it is intended for a memorial monument site only.

There are two other areas that could be made into public parks that are now owned by the community. The first reservoir with a little over five acres. Of this amount one and one-half acres is water surface. The remainder could be developed for park purposes. This is the property now converted to the Swimming Pool.

The town also owns 10 and 1/2 acres at the second reservoir. Of this acreage two-thirds could be developed for park purposes, the remainder is water surface.

d. Playfields

A playfield is an area intended primarily for the use of young people and adults for physical recreation activities. It would include opportunity for such activity as football, soccer, baseball and track. It should have a running track, a football field, soccer field and at least two baseball diamonds. It also should include a section for the play of children.

Southbridge has no playfields although the Dresser Street Playground has some of the requirements. It has a running track, football field and baseball diamond. The field is small, however, being only five and one-half acres in size. The National Recreation Association claims that each community of between ten and twenty thousand population should have at least one playfield well developed of ten to twenty acres.

e. Playgrounds

There are three areas in the community that are used for playgrounds. They are well distributed as far as population is concerned but they are not developed. They are actually school play yards.

1. West Street

West Street has a total of eighteen acres but this includes a large woodland section and undeveloped area. It does not have sufficient level ground to provide a regulation softball diamond. It does have the essential pieces of playground equipment such as slides, swings, seesaws, sand box, jungle-gym and the like.

2. Charlton Street

Charlton Street has a total of nine acres but the majority of the acreage is a pine grove. The pine grove is excellent for park purposes. It offers fine opportunity for picnics and cook-outs. There is one fireplace on the property, but no picnic tables. This area has an outdoor stage and natural seating area. It is not developed for baseball although softball can be played by the young children. It has sufficient room for outdoor basketball and volleyball. It has all the essential pieces of playground equipment.

3. Eastford Road

Eastford Road has six acres of land, four of which are fairly level. Softball is available although the diamond is not leveled out. There is sufficient room for outdoor basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, etc. There are ample shade trees. The area is well equipped with the essential play pieces, as in the other areas.

a. Swimming Pool

The first reservoir has been converted into a fine outdoor swimming pool. With nearly two acres of water surface it offers fine swimming opportunity.

2. Equipment of Public Play Areas

None of the play areas owned by the community have fieldhouses where persons may dress or take showers. There are no toilet facilities. (During the summer weeks the playground program uses the school houses from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.) There is an outdoor drinking fountain only at Dresser Street. There is no provision for winter sports on any of the play areas except the swimming pool which is available for skating. Evening activity is limited as none of the areas are equipped with electricity. There are no seating arrangements for spectators. There is one public tennis court at the Cole Trade School.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

It is the belief of the committee that present recreational facilities are not sufficient to meet the needs of our community. The committee feels that a planned program of development should be considered and that over a period of five years such a plan be put into effect.

We recommend the following provisions:

1. THE DEVELOPMENT OF DRESSER STREET PLAYGROUND

This development should include the following recreational facilities:

1/4 of a mile running track.

Football Field.

Baseball Diamond.

Softball Diamond.

4 Tennis Courts.

Children's play area with play equipment.

Grandstand for Baseball to seat 1500 persons.

Bleachers for Football to seat 2000 persons.

Dressing Accommodations, showers, toilets, drinking water.

Electric lights for evening use of field.

Present conditions make it impossible to complete such a program. However, it is the opinion of the committee that this project should be started this year and that it should include filling in the entire area, laying out the playing surface and completing the football field, baseball diamond, softball diamond and possibly the running track. The other to be done as soon as conditions permit.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARK AREAS

Southbridge has much opportunity to develop recreational outings for family groups. Cole Forest, 1st and 2nd Reservoir, Charlton St. and Eastford Rd. areas could be developed for picnic ground purposes. It is recommended that fireplaces and picnic tables be erected in these areas.

3. CHARLTON STREET AND EASTFORD ROAD

These two areas serve sections of the community that need recreational facilities. It is recommended that larger playing areas be developed on these grounds. That drinking water, toilets and electric lights be provided so that year-round activity can be

carried out. Simple but safe bleachers for several hundred persons should also be provided.

4. WINTER AND EVENING FACILITIES

An adequate lighting system should be provided so that certain kinds of evening activity can be carried out in all of the play areas. This is particularly needed for skating. The committee is not thinking of an elaborate lighting system such as is used for baseball.

The committee recommends that the play areas of the community be flooded so that each section of the town have adequate skating opportunity during the winter months.

5. ALUMNI FIELD

Alumni Field is owned by a private group of individuals for the benefit of the High School. The development of Dresser Street should provide better facilities for high school athletics. Alumni Field might be purchased to provide a playfield for the Globe Section of the town. West Street playground is not of sufficient size to provide such a playground for this section of our community.

JOHN E. FARLAND

JOSEPH PIASTA

EMILE MARTIN

HECTOR LECLAIR

JOHN LILLY

Recreational Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

for the

YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1944

I N M E M O R I A M

Mary E. Butler

Teacher and Principal

In The

Southbridge Schools

1902 -- 1934

I N M E M O R I A M

Mary E. Meagher

Teacher

In The

Southbridge Schools

1887 -- 1937

Organization of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE--1944-1945

Arthur H. Gaumond, Chairman, 45 South Street.....	1945
Joseph S. Normandin, 14 Dresser Street.....	1945
Hector M. LeClair, Lebanon Hill.....	1946
John E. Farland, 30 Park Street.....	1946
George M. Metras, 346 Charlton Street.....	1947
Nestor L. Pontbriand, 12 Cohasse Street.....	1947

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Channing H. Greene Residence, 35 Orchard Street
Office: High School Building, Tel. 365

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 to 11:30 A.M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P.M.; Saturdays: 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street Tel. 1108

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street Tel. 984
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street Tel. 32

SCHOOL NURSE

Winifred V. King, 91 Elm Street Tel. 1340-W

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Raoul O. Lataille, 79 High Street Tel. 1674-J

SCHOOL CALENDAR--1945

Winter term, seven weeks	January 3--February 16
Spring term, seven weeks	February 26--April 13
Summer term, nine weeks	April 23--June 22
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 5--December 21

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A.M. will indicate no morning session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7:15 A.M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12:30 P.M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12:30 P.M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of the Worcester County Electric Company.*

* Light signals are omitted during winter months due to wartime day-light saving.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submits the following report of the finances of the School Department of the Town for the year closing December 31, 1944:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total expenditures.....	\$246,229.62	
Total receipts returned to Town		
Treasurer.....	54,654.14	
Net Cost to the Town.....		<u>\$191,575.43</u>

In Detail:

Receipts to School Department:		
Appropriation.....	237,319.74	
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S.		
Government.....	5,106.19	
Bal. December 31,		
1944.....	868.56	4,237.63
George-Deen Fund..	6,272.09	
Bal. December 31,		
1944.....	239.32	<u>6,032.77</u>
Total Funds Available.....		<u>247,590.14</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL.....	8,078.82
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:	

Transportation.....	9,651.55
Tuition to other schools.....	<u>209.49</u>
Total--Auxiliary Agencies...	9,861.04

HIGH SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	49,018.75
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks.....	1,298.31
Supplies.....	3,016.67
Other expenses.....	362.39
Operation of plant.....	10,092.22
Maintenance of plant.....	1,671.28
Capital outlay.....	<u>45.72</u>
Total--High School.....	<u>65,505.34</u>

Amount Forward.....	\$83,445.20
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Amount Forward.....

\$83,445.20

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Instruction salaries.....	\$76,583.60
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks.....	2,772.73
Supplies.....	1,737.05
Other expenses.....	333.47
Operation of plant.....	16,893.66
Maintenance of plant.....	2,007.50
Capital outlay.....	<u>678.66</u>

Total--Elementary Schools...

101,006.67

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	39,179.43
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks.....	138.25
Supplies.....	2,408.00
Other expenses.....	345.14
Operation of plant.....	5,421.03
Maintenance of plant.....	1,108.19
Capital outlay.....	<u>928.36</u>

Total--Vocational School....

49,528.40

ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	380.00
Instruction expenses.....	11.41
Other expenses.....	-----
Operation of plant.....	<u>49.50</u>

Total--Elementary Evening School

440.91

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE:

Salary.....	385.00
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Total--Compulsory Attendance

385.00

MEDICAL SERVICE:

Salary.....	1,420.00
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Total--Medical Service

1,420.00

NURSE SERVICE:

Salary.....	1,477.56
Other expenses.....	<u>250.65</u>

Total--Nurse Service.....

1,728.21

Amount Forward

\$237,954.39

Amount Forward.....

\$237,954.39

DOMESTIC SCIENCE:

Salaries.....	3,236.87
Textbooks.....	93.06
Supplies.....	79.11
Maintenance.....	50.83
Capital outlay.....	-----

Total-Domestic Science.....	3,459.87
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CONTINUATION SCHOOL:

Supplies.....	13.09
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Total-Continuation School...	13.09
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HOUSEHOLD ARTS:

Supplies.....	79.11
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Total--Household Arts.....	79.11
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EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	628.50
Instruction expenses:	
Supplies.....	89.32
Operation of plant.....	205.65
Maintenance of plant.....	13.65
Capital outlay.....	34.20

Total--Evening Vocational School	971.32
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SUMMER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries.....	590.80
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Total--Sumer Vocational School	590.80
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VISUAL AIDS:

Instruction expenses:	
Supplies.....	40.67
Maintenance of plant.....	12.80
Capital outlay.....	-----

Total-Visual Aids.....	53.47
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PLAYGROUNDS:

Instruction salaries.....	1,593.00
Other expenses.....	883.99

Total--Playgrounds.....	2,476.99
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RETIREMENT FOR SERVICE MEN.....	630.65
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	\$246,229.69
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Balance on Hand, December 31, 1944	1,360.45
	<u>\$247,590.14</u>

RECEIPTS RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER

Massachusetts School Fund.....	\$12,109.50
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant.....	8,228.75
Vocational School (Day) State Grant (Summer).....	389.81
Vocational School--General Vocational.....	9,749.94
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant.....	684.46
Household Arts--State Grant.....	2,003.89
Continuation School--State Grant.....	257.95
Southbridge Evening Distribution Occupation School...	1.00
Worcester David Hale Trade School for Girls.....	-----
Smith-Hughes, U. S. Government Fund.....	5,106.19
George-Deen Fund.....	6,272.09
High School Tuition.....	6,677.50
Elementary School Tuition.....	540.06
Evening Vocational School Tuition.....	35.70
Vocational School Tuition.....	3,319.05
Cole Trade School, Goods Sold.....	385.03
Refunds.....	1.00
Total.....	\$55,761.92

George-Deen Fund--Balance, December 31, 1944..	239.22	
Smith-Hughes Fund--Balance, December 31, 1944.	868.56	1,109.78
Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer.....		\$54,654.14

As Chairman of the School Committee, it is my duty to discuss the operation of our public schools during this, our fourth year of war.

Enrollments

Enrollments have dropped in the Trade School and in the High School, because so many boys from both schools have either enlisted or have been called into the service of their country.

The School Committee has been able to award diplomas to several of these men who have completed requirements through Service Institute Educational programs.

We urge all parents with sons and daughters in the service, who have not already received a High School or Trade School diploma, to work for it whenever possible.

Teaching Staff

A study of this report elsewhere will show a large turnover in the teaching staff. This is regrettable but unavoidable and must be considered as one of the results of war.

It is gratifying to the Committee, however, that no school has been forced to close a single day because of the lack of a teacher. In many parts of the country and even in rural New England, children have lost much more of their educational right than here.

Standardization

The work of the elementary supervisor, whose report appears elsewhere, and the work of the director of guidance is resulting in better pupil placement and in a more unified offering throughout the system.

The Financial Picture

Although our total enrollment is lower than it was a few years ago, costs of operation--in line with costs in every school and business in the country--are higher.

The citizens in the annual meeting two years ago issued a very definite mandate regarding salary increases for all town employees. The School Committee, exercising its sole jurisdiction over salaries of School Department employees, adopted a new salary scale--which has been copied in many parts of the state--and also a cost-of-living bonus which will be continued while the necessities of life command their present inflated price.

Other expenses of operation will continue heavy for the coming year, at least, and the proposed budget ought to be adopted as submitted to permit proper operation of the Department.

The administration is attempting to conduct the public schools for the greatest good of the greatest number of pupils and teachers, and in this endeavor, it asks your support.

To all my colleagues on the School Committee, and to all employees of the School Department, I wish to express appreciation for cooperation offered and for results achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GAUMOND

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Southbridge:

In the operation of our public schools--in this the fourth year of our country's war--we are constantly being confronted with difficult and troublesome problems. I marvel constantly at the spirit and accomplishment of our classroom teachers in the face of these things because, with decreased supplies and many of an inferior quality, they manage to keep accomplishments up to, or exceeding postwar standards.

One bright spot during the past few months, however, has been the addition of young men and young women teachers to our elementary school physical-education staff. They are giving the pupils of junior high school age something of a program in body-building and good-sportsmanship development.

In perusing the reports submitted by the Chairman of the School Committee, principals, and other department heads, I am very certain that the active operation of our schools is in good hands.

I hope that results obtained by them will insure the proper financial support by the voters of the town so that our program will not be retarded. This year, we worked under a considerable budget restriction, which necessitated the interruption of some services. However, because of this budget reduction, our total costs of operating the schools in 1944 was only \$735.15 greater than in 1943.

In the face of mounting costs of all materials and supplies, and in the face of the salary increases which we have made to try to offset somewhat the increased cost of living, it seems to me that our budget request of this year, though considerably higher than our appropriation of 1943, is reasonable and necessary.

I note that the chairman in his report asks for the support of all citizens interested in the ultimate welfare of our schools. I can only express his words and his wish.

Again, to the classroom teachers who are bearing the brunt of these difficult days, I express my heartfelt appreciation.

To all other members of our school family--School Committee, Principals, and Staff--I acknowledge the help and inspiration of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING H. GREENE

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1943 to July, 1944. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945.

I.--School Houses (Including Trade School)--1944

Number Houses--occupied	7	Unoccupied	0
Schoolrooms--occupied	84	Unoccupied	0

II.--Teachers (Including Trade School)

Number of male teachers	23*
Number of female teachers	57**
	<u>80</u>

III.--Pupils

Number of children in town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

	1944
Between the ages of 5 and 7	428
Between the ages of 7 and 14	1,732
Between the ages of 14 and 16	<u>559</u>
Total persons between ages of 5 and 16	2,719

* One male teacher is a full-time substitute.

** Six female teachers are full-time substitutes.

	1943	1944
Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
from September to June.	1,652	1,576
Number between 5 and 7	138	144
Number between 7 and 14	1,017	894
Number between 14 and 16.	413	377
Number over 16 years of age	84	161
Average membership.	1,566	1,511
Average daily attendance.	1,471	1,416

Total enrollment NOTRE DAME		
from September to June.	557	581
Number between 5 and 7.	127	106
Number between 7 and 14	346	395
Number between 14 and 16.	63	53
Number over 16 years of age	21	27
Average membership.	517	547
Average daily attendance.	489	498

Total enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC.		
from September to June.	401	385
Number between 5 and 7.	62	71
Number between 7 and 14	337	290
Number between 14 and 16.	2	24
Number over 16 years of age	--	--
Average membership.	381	371
Average daily attendance.	347	352

Total enrollment ST. MARY'S		
from September to June.	234	241
Number between 5 and 7.	35	34
Number between 7 and 14	155	148
Number between 14 and 16.	23	41
Number over 16 years of age	21	18
Average membership.	236	229
Average daily attendance.	219	214

Total enrollment COLE TRADE DAY		
from September to June.	230	166
Number between 14 and 16.	198	144
Number over 16 years of age	32	20
Average membership.	125	116
Average daily attendance.	114	107

Total enrollment COLE TRADE COOP.		
from September to June.	175	89
Number over 16 years of age	175	89
Average membership.	80	42
Average daily attendance.	78	39

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS
School Year Ending July 1, 1944

	Boys				Tot. Daily		Aver.	P. C.
	Gls.	Tot.	Mem.	Att.	Mem.	of	Att.	
High School	176	297	473	477	429.71	446.48	95.12	
Charlton St. Gr. VIII	9	16	25	25	21.98	23.23	94.64	
Eastford Rd. Gr. VIII	12	16	28	29	25.12	26.43	95.00	
Marcy St. Gr. VIII	11	20	31	31	25.97	27.73	95.39	
West St. Gr. VIII	22	18	40	40	35.66	38.00	91.47	
Charlton St. Gr. VII	21	26	45	45	40.03	41.66	95.15	
Eastford Rd. Gr. VII	15	18	33	34	28.17	29.85	94.36	
Marcy St. Gr. VII	13	26	39	41	37.48	39.05	95.97	
West St. Gr. VII	26	20	46	48	40.27	48.05	93.48	
Charlton St. Gr. VI	18	25	43	41	37.25	38.95	96.88	
Eastford Rd. Gr. VI	12	11	23	24	22.09	23.28	94.88	
Marcy St. Gr. VI	17	12	29	29	24.81	26.42	93.92	
West St. Gr. VI	17	13	30	33	29.33	31.29	93.85	
Charlton St. Gr. V	22	13	40	42	38.47	39.86	96.87	
Eastford Rd. Gr. V	15	12	27	27	23.59	25.43	93.06	
Marcy St. Gr. V	18	10	28	33	27.59	29.18	94.53	
West St. Gr. V	21	19	40	40	34.36	38.08	91.97	
Charlton St. Gr. IV	24	22	46	42	38.92	40.78	95.44	
Eastford Rd. Gr. IV	14	14	28	29	25.78	25.12	90.50	
Marcy St. Gr. III & IV	18	13	31	32	29.90	31.30	95.50	
West St. Gr. IV	16	18	34	36	30.55	33.04	92.06	
Charlton St. Gr. I, III, IV	15	7	22	22	18.94	20.08	94.32	
Charlton St. Gr. III	17	19	36	36	29.94	31.56	94.85	
Eastford Rd. Gr. III	14	10	24	25	22.11	23.28	94.99	
Marcy St. Gr. II & III	18	11	29	32	26.07	28.99	89.94	
West St. Gr. III	21	14	35	36	30.17	32.24	92.81	
Charlton St. Gr. II	23	17	40	39	33.61	36.74	93.38	
Eastford Rd. Gr. II	9	13	22	26	22.38	24.18	92.93	
Marcy St.*								
West St. Gr. II	15	8	23	29	23.93	26.35	90.79	
Charlton St. Gr. I	19	16	35	36	31.20	34.32	90.87	
Eastford Rd. Gr. I	12	15	27	27	23.36	25.91	90.15	
Marcy St. Gr. I	15	13	28	29	21.50	24.56	87.61	
River St. Gr. I & II	16	12	28	32	23.69	27.02	88.55	
West St. Gr. I	16	16	32	31	27.69	30.38	90.83	
River St. Manual Arts I	--	10	10	11	9.04	10.01	90.20	
River St. Manual Arts II	14	--	14	17	13.33	14.35	92.88	
River St. Manual Arts III	12	--	12	21	11.81	13.87	84.62	
Cole Trade (Day)	114	2	146	166	107.41	116.86	94.4	
Cole Trade (Coop.)	89	--	89	89	39.07	42.28	95.24	

* Grades II and III Combined.

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1943--June 1944 (Girls)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Tot.
I	24	35	6	3											68
II		15	23	9	2										49
III			12	34	6	4		2							58
IV				17	31	11	3	1	1						64
V					17	27	11	3							58
VI						13	29	8	7	4	1				62
VII							22	38	17	9	2				88
VIII								17	31	15	7				70
IX								2	17	52	15	4			90
X									3	24	37	5			69
XI										3	34	31	6	1	75
XII											4	26	25	1	56
Ungraded						1				3	5	1			10
Total	24	50	41	63	56	56	65	71	76	110	105	67	31	2	817

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1943--June 1944 (Boys)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Tot.
I	17	37	6	1	1										62
II		12	26	17	1	3		1							60
III			10	30	15	6	4								65
IV				14	30	16	4	4	2	1					71
V					16	36	10	5	5	2					74
VI						8	29	10	10	3	1				61
VII							8	45	18	4					75
VIII							2	11	28	7	3				51
IX								2	10	39	14	1			66
X										14	27	2			43
XI										2	8	17	7	1	35
XII											9	14	23		46
Ungraded					1	2	4	3	2	9	5				26
Total	17	49	42	62	64	71	61	81	75	81	67	34	30	1	735

CHANGE OF TEACHERS--Resigned or Leave of Absence

January---Resigned	Agnes Richardson	Eastford Road
January---Leave of Absence	Pauline Aucoin	
	Mary E. Wells	High School
February--Leave of Absence	Marjorie Campbell	Marcy Street School
March-----Resigned	Dorothy Dolan	Music Supervisor
March-----Resigned	Carol Davis	West Street School
March-----Resigned	Emma Cadwell	West Street School
March-----Leave of Absence	Harold Andrews	Cole Trade School
April-----Resigned	Margaret Vannah	
	Mary E. Wells	High School
April-----Resigned	Carolyn Nutting	Martin
	Mary E. Wells	High School
April-----Resigned	Lillian Zahka	Eastford Road
June-----Resigned	Elvira Pacifici	River Street School
June-----Leave of Absence	Norman G. Tardiff	
	Mary E. Wells	High School
June-----Retired	Jennie Monroe	Charlton Street School
June-----Retired	Margaret Butler	Eastford Road School
September-Resigned	Percy Allen	Cole Trade School
September-Resigned	Olivia Pearson	West Street School
September-Resigned	Emma Nicol	Charlton Street School
September-Resigned	Mary Fleming	Eastford Road School
September-Leave of Absence	Barbara Hall	Kyrios
	Mary E. Wells	High School
October---Resigned	Dorothy Kimball	
	Mary E. Wells	High School
December--Resigned	Dorothy Staknis	Charlton Street School
December--Resigned	Alice Crowe	Mary E. Wells High School

Appointed

January	Lillian Zahka	Eastford Road School
February	Percy Allen	Cole Trade School
September	Emily F. Roberts	Eastford Road School
September	R. Joseph Racine	West Street School
September	Gladys Dukeshire	West Street School
September	Charlotte Henderson	West Street School
September	Flora L. Phillips	River Street School
September	Constance J. Belmore	Charlton Street School
September	Alice Crowe	Mary E. Wells High School
September	Elizabeth Curtis	Eastford Road School
September	Laurenda A. Boyer*	Eastford Road School
December	Bridie Fitzgibbons	Charlton Street School
December	Grace E. Wheeler	Charlton Street School

*Returned after leave of absence:

CORPS OF TEACHERS--January 1, 1945

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Channing H. Greene, B. S. M. Ed.	1929	Superintendent	Middlebury (a) U. of N. H. (b) Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Paul E. Dion, B. S. Ed. M. S.	1936	Director of Occupational Guidance and Placement	R. I. College of Ed. (a) (c) Mass. State (b) Clark (c)
Marjorie Nichols, B. S. Ed. M. Ed.	1943	Elementary School Supervisor	North Adams (a) Columbia (b)
Elsie A. Hofstra	1933	Secretary to Supt. Becker's Business College	

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Robertson, B. S. M. Ed.	1937	Principal	B. U. (a) (b) (c) Harvard (c) Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Hedwiga E. Swiacki	1941	Secretary to Prin.	Mary E. Wells High School
Pauline M. Aucoin, B. S.	1921	Commercial and French	B. U. (a) (c)
Dorothy L. Bartoli, B. S. Ed.	1935	English and Guidance	Worcester T. C. (a) Clark (c)
Kathryn Beauregard, B. A.	1922	French, Spanish	Middlebury (a) Jr. Red Cross (c) B. U. (c)
Rose Brodeur, B. S.	1939	Social Studies	B. U. (a) (c)
Constance Coderre, B. S.	1929	Commercial and Student Council	Simmons (a) B. U. (c) Columbia (c)
Hannah Cook, B. S. Ed. M. Ed.	1929	Science and Morse Code	Bridgewater T. C. Hyannis T. C. (a) (c) Extension Courses (c) B. U. (b)
Louise B. Corbin	1924	Home Economics Sr. Red Cross	Fitchburg T. C. Wheaton Simmons
Priscilla Drake, B. S. M. A.	1928	History and Glee Club	B. U. (a) (b) Springfield (c) Trinity (c)
Thecla Fitzgerald, B. A. M. Ed.	1926	English and Crimson and Gray	Radcliffe (a) B. U. (b)
C. Estelle Hefner, Ph. B.	1933	Latin and English	Brown U. (a) B. U. (c)
Persis F. Howe, B. S. Ed.	1930	Commercial	Salem T. C. (a) Columbia (c) Clark (c)
Barbara H. Kyrios, B. S. Ed.*	1940	Home Economics Continuation School	Framingham T. C. (a) Fitchburg T. C. (c)
Eino Laasko, B. A., M. A.	1945	Algebra, General Science	Clark (a) (b)

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

*On leave of Absence

Harry J. McMahon, Ph. B. M. Ed.	1926	Chemistry, Coaching, Physics Holy Cross (a) B. U. (b) Harvard (c)
Alma Ruth Norton, B. S. Ed.	1941	Commercial, Math. Salem T.C. (a) Girls' Coach B. U. (c)
Grace Palmer, B. S. Ed.	1942	English, Biology Worcester T. C. (a) U. of Vt. (c) Columbia (c)
Eleanor Small, B. A.**	1945	Algebra, Geometry Brown U. (a)
Flora Tait, B. S. Ed. M. A.	1939	Occupations, English Dramatic Club Framingham T. C. (a) B. U. (b) Cornell (c)
Frances Troy, B. S. Ed.	1927	Commercial Salem T. C. (a) B. U. (c)
Lindzay Varnum, B. S.	1943	Algebra, Trig. Colby (a) Geometry, Aeronautics B. U. (c)

COLE TRADE SCHOOL--REGULAR FACULTY

Clark H. Morrell	1931	Director B. U. State Courses Fitchburg T. C.
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	Secretary to Director N. E. School of Secretarial Science
Georgette Desaulniers	1942	Clerk Mary E. Wells High School
John Benson	1942	Machine Related Northeastern U. (Cooperative)
George H. Braman	1938	Factory and Maintenance Northeastern U. Fitchburg T. C.
William Delaney, B. S. M. Ed.	1940	Gen. Vocational Boston T. C. (a) (Academic) B. U. (b)
Walter J. Glondek	1938	Machine Work Cole Trade Fitchburg T.C. Clark U.
Leo Grenier	1936	Machine Work Cole Trade
Ernest Hall	1926	Industrial Printing Southbridge H. S.
Nels H. Johnson	1937	Cooperative Machine Shop Lowell Textile School Gen. Electric at Lynn Fitchburg T. C.
Clarence Knowles	1942	Electrical Cole Trade
William Nickerson	1941	Gen. Vocational Norwich U. Wood Fitchburg T. C.
William Paul	1942	Gen. Vocational Lowell Textile Machine
Herman Polley	1933	Gen. Vocational Machine Related Wentworth Institute State Courses
Frank P. Skinyon, B. S. Ed.	1934	Cabinet Pattern Making Fitchburg T. C. (a)

**Full-time Substitute

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

Raoul O. Lataille, B. A.	1939	Acting Principal	Assumption (a)
M. Ed.		Coaching	B. U. (b)
Patricia P. Callahan, B. S.	1939	History, Geography,	Westfield
Ed.		Science 6, 7, 8	T. C. (a)
		Extension Courses	(c)
Eva A. Casavant, B. S. Ed.	1933	History, Geography,	
M. A.		Gym 6, 7, 8	Worcester T.C. (a)
			Clark (b)
Beatrice Cobb, B. S. Ed.	1943	Grades 1 and 3	Worcester T.C. (a)
Florida G. Demers, B. S. Ed.	1942	Eng. 6, 7, 8	Worcester T.C. (a)
Bridie M. Fitzgibbons B. S.	1945	Grade 4	Willimantic T. C. (a)
Ed.			
Everett H. Holmes, B. A.	1945	Eng. 6, 7, 8	Colby U. (a)
		B. U. (c)	Harvard (c)
Edith C. Howes, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 3	Hyannis T. C. (a) (c)
Eva P. Salvuolo, B. S. Ed.	1943	Grade 5	Worcester T.C. (a)
Marie J. Saunders	1924	Mathematics	Westchester T. C.
		6, 7, 8	Extension Courses

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Laurenda A. Boyer	1926	Principal	B.U., Worcester T. C.
			Extension Courses
Corinne E. Beaudreau	1924	Grade 1	State Extension Courses
Elizabeth Curtis, B. A.			
B. S. Ed.	1944	Departmental	B. U. (a)
		Gr. 6, 7, 8	Salem T. C. (a)
Bertha Foley	1912	Grade 2	Worcester T. C.
			Extension Courses
Irene V. Gough	1914	Departmental	Worcester Domestic
		Gr. 6, 7, 8	Science School
			Extension Courses
Myrtle Jodrey*	1944	Grade 5	Fitchburg State Normal
			Extension Courses
Julia C. Morrill	1914	Grade 3	St. Joseph's Normal
			Extension Courses
Emily Roberts, B. S. Ed.	1944	Grade 4	Worcester T. C.
			Hyannis T. C.
Bertha Wallace	1922	Departmental	Hyannia T. C.
		Gr. 6, 7, 8	B. U.

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Principal	St. Ann's Academy
		Art, Music	Fitchburg T. C.
Dorothy M. Brockway	1943	Grade 2	Framingham T. C.
Mabel Chamberlain	1902	Grade 1	State Extension Courses
Camella Dintini, B. S. Ed.	1940	Grade 4	Worcester T. C. (a)
Mabel Joy	1915	Grade 5	Salem T. C.
Constance L'Ecuyer, B. S.	1940	History	Fitchburg T. C. (a)
Ed. M. A.		Geography, B. U. (b)	Boston City
		English	Nursery (c) Smith
			College Kindergarten (c)
			Worcester T. C. Columbia (c)
			Extension Courses (c)
May O. Simpson	1911	Grade 3	Worcester T. C.
			University Extension Courses

*Full-Time Substitute

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Wyntha Tompkins, B. S. Ed.	1943	Science, English	U. of New Hampshire (a)
Julia C. Yott	1917	Mathematics, English Literature	Fitchburg T. C.

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

Cecelia Sousa, B. S. Ed.	1940	Acting Principal	Salem T.C. (a)
		Manual Arts I	Wellesley (c)
		Social Science	Extension Courses
		Language, Music	(c)
Margaret C. Andrews	1945	Manual Arts III	Fairchild's
		Domestic Science	Business
		Art	College
Gladys H. Cowan	1942	Grades 1 and 2	Farmington State
			Normal
			U. of Maine
Armand Proulx*	1942	Building Assistant	
Clara M. Reed*	1918	Manual Arts II	Westfield
		Reading, Spelling	State Normal
		Penmanship	Extension Courses

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine, A. B.	1944	Principal	Assumption (a)
Ed. M.			B. U. (b) Clark (c)
			Northeastern U. (c)
			Oxford University (c)
			(England)
			Harvard University (c)
M. Celestine Carey	1932	Departmental	College of Our
		Grades 6,7,8	Lady of the Elms
		Geography,	Hyannis T. C.
		History,	University Extension
		Art, Music	
Sylvia L. Claflin, B. S.	1929	Grade 1	Westfield T. C.
			Columbia (a)
Gladys M. Dukeshire	1944	Departmental	Teachers' College
		Grades 6,7,8	Truro Nova Scotia
		Math., Science	Regina
			Saskatchewan
Charlotte M. Henderson,	1944	Departmental	Teachers'
B. S.		Grades 6,7,8	College,
		Eng., Lit.	Keene, N. H. (a)
Constance M. LaForce, B. S.	1943	Grade 3	Fitchburg T. C. (a)
Ed.			
Doris C. Potter, B. S. Ed*	1943	Grade 4	Framingham T. C. (a)
			Columbia (c)
			Boston Nursery Training
			School (c)
			Worcester Trade School (c)
Edith M. Randall	1920	Grade 2	State Extension Courses
Ruth W. Sampson	1930	Grade 5	State Extension Courses
			Westfield T. C. one year

*Full-time Substitute

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
 (b) Master's Degree
 (c) Graduate Work

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Clair Birtz	1937	Special	Worcester School of Art B. U.
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Director of	St. Ann's Academy Continuation Fitchburg T. C.
Constance L'Eucuyer, B. S. Ed. M. A.	1940	Director of	Fitchburg T. C. (a) Americanization B. U. (b) Boston City Nursery (c) Smith College Kindergarten Worcester T. C. (c) Columbia University Extension Courses (c)

JANITORS

Rosario Bertrand	1936	Mary E. Wells High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street (Cole Trade)
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Mary E. Wells High School
Henry Masse	1942	River Street School
Omer Metivier	1938	Marcy Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School
Walter O. Paquette	1943	West Street School
Charles Quevillon	1928	Cole Trade School
William Stanhope	1943	Mary E. Wells High School

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
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(c) Graduate Work

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my eighth annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1944-1945 is divided as follows: Seniors, 89; Juniors, 95; Sophomores, 150; Freshmen, 164; Post-Graduate, 1; a total of 499 pupils.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses; namely, Academic, Commercial and General.

One hundred pupils were graduated on June 22, 1944, and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

CLASS OF 1944--Academic

*Shirley May Andrus	*Marie Katherine Norton
*Marilyn Margaret Baker	*Isabel Celia Planeta
*Raymond Joseph Blanchet	*Marie Delores Renneberg
Robert Steven Casavant	*Laura Irene Reynolds
*Janet Louise Chapman	*Jeanne Elizabeth Richard
*Samuel James Fearing	*Pauline Emma Richard
*Bernard Paul Gagnon	Paul Armand Roy
*Mary Elizabeth Gillon	*William Rau Schneider
*Lorraine Mae Guertin	*Chester Baylies Thompson
*Helen Emery Hobson	Charles Venie
Robert Earl Johnson	*Marcia Rosalie Walker
*Doris Cecile Lusignan	Ida Marion Weaver
*Harry James McMahon, Jr.	*Maria Ziu

COMMERCIAL

*Jennie Carolyn Boksa	Eugene Roger Moreau
Barbara Ann Clarke	*Elizabeth Phipps Olney
*Mary Julia Damian	*Mary Ann Ottak
Doris Ann Duggan	*Bernadette Maryanna Seremet
*Helen Dusza	*Doris Louise Suprenant
*Shirley Elizabeth Hawthorne	*Mary Vangel
Gertrude Livernois	*Helen Gloria Waskiewicz
*Priscilla Patricia Zajac	

GENERAL

*Gertrude Rosilda Arsenault	Doreen Fay LaPlante
*Wanda Teresa Boksa	Alfred Louis Lariviere
Joseph Alfred Boudreau, Jr.	Francis Harrington Lemmelin
John Charles Bourdelais	David Lenti, Jr.
Raymond Antonio Brousseau	*Stephen Francis Liro
George Francis Butterworth, Jr.	*Yvette Louise Manseau
Elizabeth Margaret Janet Caves	Raymond James Marino
Nina Louise Ciprari	Lucille Eunice Mercure
Barbara Jane Clarke	*Blanches Metivier

*Lorraine Alice Cournoyer
 Dora Louise Curboy
 Bernard Charles Damian
 *Jessie Damian
 Frances Isabel Darzenkiewicz
 Isabel Veronica Diorio
 Louis Arthur Dubreuil
 Walter Henry Dziura
 Geraldine Helen Ethier
 Robert George Ferron
 Gerald Norman Gauthier
 Irving Gay
 George Warren Girard
 Charles Helric Gladu, Jr.
 *Cecilia Thecla Grochowski
 *William Lawrence Haith
 Howard Clifton Hebert
 *George Chin Hong
 Evelyn Teresa Koprowski
 Albert John Langevin
 Armand Joseph Langlais

*Albert Joseph Montigny
 James Thomas Moynagh
 Arthur William Olson, Jr.
 Edward Alexander Piasta
 *Joseph Jacob Pienta
 Norma Plimpton
 Richard Proulx
 *Vincent James Puracchio
 Patricia Verne Rowett
 Phyllis Mae Schesler
 *Isabel Wanda Dorothy Skowron
 *Polly Mary Stecz
 *Alyce Pauline Suminski
 *Sophie Theresa Barbara Swiacki
 Helen Louise Swiatek
 *Prudence Marguerite Tetreault
 Vera Joyce Themistocles
 *Elizabeth Josephine True
 *Hazel Irene Twiss
 Domenic Fredrick Verna
 Jennie Celia Zajac

* General average of 80% or above for four years.

I shall depart from my accustomed procedure this year of dealing with the work of each department separately. Wartime restrictions encourage brevity.

However, I would like to mention that each department is maintaining, as far as possible, its normal routine. A resume of this routine can be found in any of the three previous reports. In addition to the normal procedure each department has added its contribution to education for war and education for the peace to come. We see this in the emphasis placed on Mechanical Drawing, the Skills, Mathematics, Science, Morse Code, and Guidance. The accelerated program aimed to assure graduation to those boys whose birthday falls before the June graduation date is another step tuned to the times. Then, too, we have maintained the one session day in order to give our boys and girls an opportunity to help relieve the local manpower shortage.

I feel that special attention should be given to the work of the Student Council. This body, under the capable direction of Miss Constance Coderre, has sponsored the sale of War Bonds and Stamps. The students have responded overwhelmingly to appeals for purchases.

The administration has attempted to preserve as many extra-curricular activities as is feasible. The athletic program, though somewhat curtailed, is maintained. Clubs, Junior Red Cross activities, the traffic squad, and safety committee are in operation.

There are a few correlated facts which should be included in this report.

1. Many boys have earned high school credits by taking courses offered by the Armed Forces Institute at Madison, Wisconsin. Others have received credit for specialized training programs of secondary school level while they were in the armed forces. It has been a great source of satisfaction to the administration to be able to award diplomas earned by former Southbridge boys in these ways.

2. Sixty-three courses have been offered through University Extension and a total of over five hundred people took advantage of these courses during the past year. Here, too, adults from Southbridge and surrounding communities have earned enough credits to receive the Mary E. Wells High School diploma. Others have earned

college credits and credits toward admission to colleges, universities, and nursing schools. These courses have given opportunities to individuals not only to increase their proficiency but to develop necessary skills and knowledge to better their positions. In many cases people have changed their positions from regular workmen to foremen and to positions of greater responsibility and remuneration.

I express my appreciation to Mr. Channing H. Greene, Superintendent of Schools, to each and every member of the School Committee, and to the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge for this opportunity to present my report on the Mary E. Wells High School. I also offer my thanks for their kind support regarding the educational policies of the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON

Principal

The School Committee
Southbridge Public Schools
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Chapter 676, Acts of 1941, which is general laws, Chapter 71, Section 38 A, states in part that the director of Occupational Guidance and Placement shall make an annual report to the School Committee and shall forward a copy of this report to the state supervisor of Guidance and Placement.

In accordance with the above, I am submitting to you my first annual report to cover the period from November 1, 1943 to January 1, 1945.

The program in Guidance and Placement, started last year, was designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- (a) Produce data concerning pupil's war and peacetime occupational interests and plans.
- (b) Assist pupils into vocational choices, in line with their interests, desires and abilities.
- (c) Show the extent of school wartime educational effort.
- (d) Indicate potential pupils for advanced training in business, industry, technical work and the various U.S. services.
- (e) Provide data for placement of pupils in part-time, summer and permanent positions.
- (f) Stimulate war effort thinking among pupils and parents.
- (g) Provide a simple record form which maybe useful to pupils in service induction or placement in employment.
- (h) Lay a foundation for a complete guidance and placement program.

It is my aim to give every pupil in High School a basic diagnostic battery of tests. The results obtained, coupled with teacher marks and other records would be an enlightenment not only to pupils, but to parents, employers, principal, teachers, etc. Further clinical testing could be done for unusual cases, or by request from principal, parent, etc. This basic testing program would be done in the following fields:

- (a) Achievement
- (b) Aptitude (including intelligence)
- (c) Interest
- (d) Personality

Another phase of counseling is that which is given directly by an expert in his own field to one interested in that line of work. I have organized a group of local experts in the business, industrial, professional, agricultural and other fields. The Southbridge Technical Society has collaborated in this endeavor.

In order to make the High School pupils more war conscious, the Pre-Induction Training Chief of the First Service Command requested all high schools to show some of the Army Training Films. This we are doing this year.

Placement

Placement implies the procurement of jobs, permanent, part-time, and summer for present students, drop-outs and graduates through age 23. This is done by contacts with local employers in business and industry. Records and forms used were the following:

- (a) Pupil War Inventory Blank
- (b) Employment Registration List
- (c) Employment Vacancy Card
- (d) Card of Introduction
- (e) Placement records

By way of summary, since November 1943, I have been responsible for the employment of 222 pupils in part-time work. This represents an average weekly earning capacity of \$1,932. If each of these pupils were to work one year, they would earn on an average \$348. Working on a part-time basis, this represents an average of \$8.70 per pupil per week.

Approximately 60% of the pupils in the High School were employed on a part-time basis or otherwise last year.

Follow-Up

The School Department ought to know what becomes of its pupils. This knowledge can only be gained by careful follow-up of the school-leavers, whether they be graduates or drop-outs.

I have started my follow-up work on the class of 1944. Each graduate was sent a questionnaire. I hope to follow with a three and five-year follow-up. When all the results are received, I will summarize findings in a report.

This report should prove important to the administration, the pupils, and the Guidance Department. Here are a few of the items that should be brought to light as a result of follow-up studies:

- (a) Proper occupational adjustment of graduates.
- (b) Measurement of usefulness of the Guidance Program.
- (c) Keeping abreast of doings of graduates.
- (d) Trends in employment fields.
- (e) Need for courses of study revision.
- (f) In general, furnish information that could be useful to the Guidance Department, the Principal, and the pupils now in school.

I, as director of Guidance and Placement have rendered numerous other services to the community and particularly to the elementary schools and the Trade School. May I refer the School Committee to the letter of December 14, addressed to Mr. Greene concerning work done in conjunction with Miss Nichols and Mr. Morrell.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL E. DION

Director of Occupational Guidance and Placement

To the School Committee
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Looking back over my work of the past year, several things are noteworthy. Many of the activities instituted the previous year have been carried through and developed, namely: an enriched and improved Reading Program in all grades; Curriculum development, particularly in the fields of Reading and Social Studies, through committee meetings, individual conferences, and study; Guidance for the pupils in the seventh grades that includes various individual and group tests, conferences with pupils, group conferences, parent conferences, and comprehensive records of the pupils' physical, mental and social development.

New materials and outstandingly fine pupil activities have been exhibited in the teachers' workroom, so that both teachers and children may share them and in turn do similar work in the classroom. About 90% of the teachers in the elementary schools have had work on display. Many classes and several parents have also seen the exhibits.

As co-worker and adviser, I have worked in close cooperation with the principals. Various problems have been analyzed and improvements made, including:

1. Equilization of educational opportunities for all children.
2. Standardization of educational policies.
3. Ranking standards.
4. Promotions.
5. Homework.
6. Study skills.
7. Physical education.
8. Evaluation of teacher credits.
9. School budgets.
10. Textbooks.

Individual teachers in the system have been given materials of instructions, counsel, and suggestions, and an earnest, sincere endeavor has been made to give encouragement and inspiration to all.

SUMMARY OF SUPERVISORY ACTIVITIES January 1, 1944--December 31, 1944

I.	<u>Visits to Buildings</u>	290
II.	<u>Visits in Classrooms</u>	253
III.	<u>Meetings</u>	***
	Principals' Meetings	16
	Teachers' Meetings	14
	Teachers' Meetings in Various Buildings	10
	Committee Meetings	8
	Total Meetings	48
IV.	<u>Conferences</u>	
	With Principals	65
	With Teachers	80
	With Administrators	76
	With Group	10
	With Publishing House Representatives	14
	With Parents	16
	With Others Concerned with Education	13
	Total Conferences	274

V. Testing Activities

Preschool Tests	56
Classroom Tests	18
Individual Tests to Determine Grade, Placement, Achievement and Ability.	<u>103</u>
Total Testing Activities	177

VI. <u>Out-of-Town Contacts</u>	8
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VII. <u>Talks before Local Organizations</u>	4
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VIII. <u>Home Visits.</u>	6
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Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE H. NICHOLS

Supervisor of Elementary Schools

January 8, 1945

Mr. Channing Greene, Supt.
Southbridge Public Schools

Dear Mr. Greene:

This is to present my report of the Trade and Industrial training activities as conducted in the Robert H. Cole Trade School for the year of 1944.

The continued demand for young men in the armed forces, and the demand of war industries for boys sixteen years of age has been influential in decreasing the demand on our training facilities approximately fifty per cent. The use of our facilities for training workers for war production industries has also been reduced to a negligible amount due to the lack of trainees. There has, however, been an increased demand for training high school students in the field of electricity and its application to communications. These students expect to be inducted into the armed services.

The demand for evening trade extension courses increased somewhat over that of a year ago, and the demand for veteran training is just beginning.

The prospects for increased vocational training is being studied by the advisory committee who will make their recommendations early in 1945. I wish therefore to withhold my recommendations until the completion of their study.

The student statistical report follows:

	<u>Coop.</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Total</u>
In school at end of year	40	98	138
Graduated	8		8
Certified			
Entering industry trained for	2	8	10
Entering other occupations	11	28	39
Entering armed service	14	4	18
Unfit for trade subjects		3	3
Returned to Grammar or High School		7	7
Left because of illness		2	2
Left town	1	2	3
Transferred to Coop. School		39	39
Transferred to Day School	4		4
Deceased		1	1
Total membership for year 1944	80	192	272
Enrolled during year	40	68	108

War Training

Pre-employment	
Lens Grinding	10

Supplementary

Drafting	38
Machine	10

Pre-Induction

Electricity	18
Welding	7
Machine	6
Cabinet & Patternmaking	2
	<u>33</u>

Evening Trade Extension

Machine	13
Welding	7
Cabinet & Patternmaking	11
Mathematics	17
Foreman Training.	<u>12</u>
	60

GRADUATES

Machinists

*Frank Paul Bernadone	*William Thomas Freeland
*Angelo Peter Ciprari	Teopisto Edward Luponì
Theodore Anthony Lesniewski	

Draftsmen

*Edward Stanley Horonzewic	Stephen Walter Szumilas
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Factory Maintenance

*Raymond Weston True

* In the armed services.

Four members of the Faculty and 230 students and graduates are on the honor roll of this school. The Faculty members are: Emery Lavallee, Myron Sibley, Harold Andrews, Roland Wallace.

In Memoriam

Frederick Roberts
Edwin Lach
Fidelio Chamberland
Donato Dinovelli
Edward Ciukay

War Bonds & Stamps

The Minuteman Flag has been kept flying at the Trade School, and General Vocational School buildings throughout the year. The total bond and stamp sales beginning January 1, 1943 amounts to \$14,063.55.

I thank you and the members of the School Board for your sympathetic consideration of my requests and problems of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK H. MORRELL

SOUTHBRIDGE CONTINUATION SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Eleven girls were enrolled in the Girls' Continuation School for the year ending June 21, 1944.

Two girls were between fourteen and fifteen years of age; nine had not reached their sixteenth birthday.

Of the nine who became sixteen before the reopening of school this fall, five are considered graduates of the Continuation School because they attended more than six consecutive school months. One under sixteen left because of the very serious illness of her mother. She will return as soon as possible.

Due to the wide range of preparation for academic work, the girls do most of their work on individual assignments in English, arithmetic, civics and hygiene. The work in English aims at improvement in oral and written expression, and at the correction of faulty language. Letter writing still continues to be the source of most of our written work. In arithmetic, we have worked at improving skills in the use of fundamentals as we worked on problems of percentage, simple accounts, budgeting of time and money, etc. Through civics, we have tried to awaken interest in our American way of life with all its advantages and blessings.

Classes in foods and clothing were under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Kyrios who taught the girls the first half of each Wednesday afternoon. They made simple garments and prepared simple foods, learning valuable lessons of thrift and the need for careful planning in these days of increased cost of living and scarcity of supplies in many fields. I feel that this is the most valuable part of the day's work for these girls who are at home to help mothers in family home life.

Yours respectfully,

LAURA B. DESMARAIS

Director of Girls' Division

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

The Health Program showed little variation during the year. There were no serious outbreaks of contagious disease.

Many defects were corrected. There are many more that need attention. It is difficult to convince some parents, (even where no financial difficulties exist) that infected teeth, diseased tonsils, poor vision, etc., are a detriment to general good health.

As far as we know, all welfare cases have been taken care of.

Retarded Pupils

Twenty-four pupils of the above group were referred to us for physical defects by the Westboro State Clinic. Parents of these children were contacted and notified of the Clinic findings, and consultation of the family physician advised. All but one of the above has had corrections made.

Vision Test

Through the cooperation of the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health, all of the students in the High School were given the Massachusetts Vision Test in March with excellent results.

It is recognized that present methods for school vision testing which employ only a test for visual acuity fails to detect certain children needing an eye specialist's attention. This is true, particularly in cases where the handicap is due to functional disturbances.

The test series is composed of three parts:

Part one is planned to sort out cases where there is a low visual acuity.

Part two is intended to detect those who may pass the visual acuity tests but who nevertheless have an error which is latent and may require attention.

Part three is designed to indicate the cases in which there is difficulty in using both eyes together.

The tests are given for screening purposes only. Diagnosis awaits examination by the physician.

Four hundred and seventy-one pupils were given the test. One hundred and twenty-eight failed to pass. Parents of the latter were notified. Comments to parents or pupils beyond the fact of the failure were scrupulously avoided.

While we know that many corrections have been made due to the test, it is impossible to tell the exact number, as many pupils left school at that time or shortly after.

To my mind the Massachusetts Visual Test is very much worthwhile, and I would recommend the provision of one for our School Department.

Preschool Clinic

The Summer Round-up for children who were of age to enter school in September was held in June and was fairly well attended. One hundred and forty-three children were registered.

Sterling Health Camp

Through a part of money collected in our town by the sale of Health Seals, six girls were privileged to attend the Sterling Health Camp for a period of eight weeks. At this camp, they were under the care of professional nurses and teachers; were given proper food and rest as well as recreation. All returned much improved in many ways, and loud in their praise of Sterling Health Camp and its personnel.

Milk

Milk lunches continue to be a very important part of our school health program, an average of 313 half-pints being consumed daily.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who contributed in any way to the success of our 1944 Health Program.

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED V. KING, R. N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Lack of parental supervision still continues to be the main cause for the majority of today's juvenile problems. None can deny the fact that adult delinquency is fundamentally the root of the juvenile problems of today. This is due to the fact that many homes are not functioning now as they did during normal conditions. The war and the conditions accompanying it have greatly aggravated the problem.

The majority of juvenile problems today represent either children who have been neglected or pampered. Some children end up in juvenile court because someone has failed to provide for them some of the necessities of life. Often they reach the court due to the failure of parents to provide an adequate and happy home life. Parents become interested in their children only when they have appeared before the juvenile courts. Preventive measures, better understanding of children, more frequent contacts between parents and teachers would be very helpful in reducing the many cases of truancy, discipline, hate of school, and many other factors that are essentially the source of juvenile delinquency.

Let us all work together in the great task of moulding our children to become respectable citizens instead of a menace to our society.

The following report gives an account of the work done during the past year:

Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7.	428
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,732
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16.	559

Number of pupils investigated for absences due to illness, truancy, lack of clothing, contagious diseases and other reasons.	638
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Cases investigated for home permits	43
Cases of persistent tardiness	37
Cases of children working unlawfully.	54
Follow-up and friendly visits	79
Number of children assisted with shoes and clothing	3
Number of children for whom employment was obtained	11
Number of children adjusted in their school work.	14
Number of employment certificates 16-21 literate.	595
Number of employment certificates 16-21 illiterate.	21
Employment between 14-16.	149
Home Permits.	7
Newsboys' badges and street trade	6

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

Attendance Officer

REPORT OF THE VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This section of the report covers from September 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, the period of my connection with it. Materials used in the local schools are as follows:

Mary E. Wells High School

Metronoscope Rolls	10
Film Strips	22
Exhibits	3
Motion Pictures	6
Total	41

Eastford Road School

Film Strips	11
Pictures (Sets)	4
Total	15

Charlton Street School

Film Strips	6
Pictures (Sets)	2
Total	8

Marcy Street School

Metronoscope Rolls	5
Film Strips	31
Slides (Sets)	4
Total	40

Cole Trade School

Motion Pictures	5
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Total Schools

Metronoscope Rolls	15
Film Strips	70
Exhibits	3
Slides (Sets)	4
Pictures (Sets)	6
Motion Pictures	11
Total	109

In addition, equipment and facilities of the department have been used by seven groups or organizations outside the school department.

Respectrully submitted,

LINDZAY VARNAM

Visual Aids Director

SOUTHBRIDGE SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, a complete report on the Summer Playgrounds is hereby submitted.

The Southbridge Summer Playgrounds extended for a period of six weeks from July 10 to August 18; five days a week for a total of thirty days, and the length of the day was as follows:

9 A. M. to 11:30 A.M
1 P. M. to 3:30 P. M

Accessible to all sections of the town, the playgrounds were situated at West Street School, at Charlton Street School, at Eastford Road School, and at River Street School.

Total playground enrollment:	1071
Average daily attendance:	397
Average daily percentage of attendance:	37%
Largest daily attendance:	648

Personnel:

General

Director: Raoul O. Lataille
Secretary: Channing H. Greene, Superintendent of Schools

West Street Playground

Supervisor: Miss Celestine Carey
Junior Assistants: Miss Phyllis Freeman
Miss Georgette Gatineau
Alfred Noga
Robert Shaw

Charlton Street Playground

Supervisor: Miss Eva Salviuolo
Adult Assistant: Mrs. Mary MacLam (half-time)
Junior assistants: Miss Joan Zitka
George Dumas
Roger Hebert

Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor: Miss Pauline Roy
Adult assistant: Mrs. Mary MacLam (half-time)
Junior assistants: Miss Nancy Wilkinson
Lawrence Simonds

River Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Clara Reed
Junior assistants: Miss Lucille Fournier
Miss Joy Oker
Henry Remian

Meetings

Every Monday morning at 8 A.M., there was a staff meeting to discuss problems, to make plans for the remainder of the season, to outline various activities, and to secure materials needed for the proper completion of the arts and crafts.

A final picnic and staff meeting was held at Roseland Park where a summary of the season's activities were presented, plans for

the future playground seasons were outlined, and suggestions for the proper betterment of playgrounds were given.

Daily Program

Each daily program was planned according to the group present and games were adapted to different age groups.

The taking of attendance was always the first step of each morning and afternoon session.

The inspection of apparatus and grounds, the marking of courts, the posting and making of announcements were always done at the beginning of the morning session.

Various activity games, group games, quiet games, story telling, and arts and crafts formed the largest part of the day's program.

Rainy Day Program

Movies

Indoor games and activities

Arts and Crafts

Sports Schedules

This year, the girls were given for the first time a definite intra-playground schedule which proved very interesting and competitive. Schedules were made for volleyball, punch ball, dodge ball and badminton.

For the boys, definite schedules in punch ball and badminton were added to their regular baseball and softball schedules.

Playground Champion

Charlton Street Playground

The playground champion was determined by a point system and the largest number of points garnered by each playground during the season served to decide the winner of the "Southbridge Playground Champions" banner. Points 5-3-1 for first, second, and third places respectively for baseball, softball, punch ball, volleyball, badminton, dodge ball, and each event of the Field Day which took place during the final week of playgrounds added to the points won at the swimming meet served to determine the winner of the banner.

Arts and Crafts

Arts and crafts were especially stressed this year as an attraction for the children to make something of value either to them or to their parents. Craft activities were so planned and craft materials were so selected that each age group was kept busy with some little article to do.

The following tabulation will give an account of the work done by the playground pupils this summer:

There were 31 different craft projects for a total of 1458 articles made during the six weeks of the playground season. The articles made are divided in the following manner:

450 Sewing cards (varied patterns for little girls)

210 Colored pictures (landscapes and birds)

108 Wooden bead necklaces

96 Waffle mats

89 Baskets (sewing, trays of various sized, flower, salt and pepper, ash trays and others.)

62 Tam-O-Shanters (for girls to wear and also for dolls).

58 Wooden bead bracelets

48 Hat holders

47 Aprons

12 Fascinators

10 Yarn novelties

9 Pin cushions

42 Drawings	7 Novelties
39 Ration book holders	6 Macaroni rings
38 Pot holders	6 Knitted squares
19 Wooden bead belts	6 Cloth bunnies
19 Clay models	5 Broomstick skirts
18 Curtain pulls	4 Bean bags
17 Table cloths (embroidered)	4 Waste paper baskets
15 Yarn dolls	2 Macaroni necklaces
14 Bouquets of flowers	1 Pillow for the Hospital
1 Scrapbook for the Red Cross	

Special Events

Doll and Carriage Show

This show was held at Dresser Street Field with each playground participating on August 15 at 10:30 A.M.

The public at large was invited to attend along with the parents of the playground children.

The judges were the playground supervisors who selected the best three carriages and best-dressed dolls. Blue, red and yellow ribbons for first, second and third prizes were awarded to the winners.

Water Day

Close to 500 children took part in the playground water day held at the municipal swimming pool on August 1. Swimming, swimming races and diving were enjoyed by every boy and girl present. Two lifeguards were on duty to insure the safety of the children so that no fatal accidents would occur to mar the success of the day.

Following the water activities, each playground divided into its own group with its supervisor and assistants to enjoy a picnic. Story telling and quiet games prevailed immediately after lunch. Intra-playground volleyball and other various group games were also enjoyed by the whole group.

The water activities of the day were as follows:

- Boys 12-16: Plunge for distance, 50-yard swim, 25-yard backstroke, under water swimming and form diving.
- Boys 8-12: Plunge for distance, 25-yard swim, 10-yard backstroke, under water swimming, flutter board race.
- Girls 12-16: Plunge for distance, 25-yard swim, form diving.
- Girls 8-12: Plunge for distance, 15-yard swim, flutter board race.

Track Meet

The final main event in the Southbridge School Playgrounds program took place Tuesday, August 15, when boys and girls from the four playgrounds vied for honors in a series of track events and feature contests at Dresser Street Field. The meet started at 9 A.M. and ended at 3:30.

Over 1,000 children, who comprised this year's playground enrollment, were eligible to compete in the track meet. Ribbons to first, second and third place winners were given for each event.

The meet was divided into four groups: Boys 13-16, Boys 8-13, Girls 13-16 and Girls 8-13.

The events of the day follow:

- Boys 13-16: 220-yard relay, 440-yard relay, 100-yard dash, 440-yard run, high jump, running broad jump, ball throwing, bicycle race, obstacle race and pie-eating contest.

Boys 8-13: Wheelbarrow race, bag race, 100-yard dash, 50-yard dash, 220-yard relay, high jump, running broad jump, bicycle race and pie-eating contest.

Girls 13-16: 100-yard dash, 50-yard dash, 220-yard relay, 440-yard relay, high jump, running broad jump, bicycle race, bag race, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, and pie-eating contest.

Girls 8-13: 25-yard dash, three legged race, bag race, wheelbarrow race, high jump, running broad jump, 220-yard relay, and pie-eating contest.

The director, supervisors and assistants at the playgrounds acted as judges and starters.

Paper Drive

Undoubtedly the most important and highly contested activity of the playground season was the collection of all waste paper and magazines from the Southbridge homes. Never before in any of the previous drives was there so much work done and so much enthusiasm shown. The children of the four playgrounds reached an amazing and almost unbelievable collection total of over 82 tons of paper.

Everyone had a great deal of fun watching the steady procession of children bringing their paper to the playgrounds. Gasoline rationing didn't bother these boys and girls. Every conceivable type of vehicle was used, including carts, wagons, wheelbarrows, bicycles, scooters and all sorts of homemade conveyances. One boy proudly drove up to the West Street playground in his pony and wagon. One enterprising little girl wheeled her paper up to River Street playground in a baby carriage.

We were all well pleased with the fine spirit the children showed in getting the waste paper drive off to a successful start. This was our contribution to the war effort and we were all determined to make a go of it. The boys and girls got the best of the campaign right from the beginning, and again demonstrated that they could be depended upon in a pinch.

As a reward for their earnest efforts, the Paper Salvage Committee awarded grand prizes to the three children who collected the most paper. A special prize was given to each boy or girl who collected the greatest amount for his playground. In addition, softballs were given to children who collected between 500 and 1,000 pounds. All other children who participated were given a free admission to the Strand Theatre.

The winning playground was West Street which amassed a grand total of over 28 tons of waste paper. A cup of ice cream was given to each enrollee at the playground.

The climax came when everyone who had collected over 1,000 lbs. was entitled to a free trip to Boston where they enjoyed the Red Sox vs. Detroit baseball game after meeting personally some of the players from each team. Gold and silver bracelets were awarded to the girls who did not choose the trip to Boston.

The boys and girls of Southbridge gave their best to put the drive over and we certainly did. Thank you boys and girls.

May I personally state my appreciation to everyone who has assisted me, directly or indirectly, in making the summer playground season a very successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

Director of Playgrounds

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
Division of Accounts
State House, Boston 33

February 14, 1945

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Leo J. Cournoyer, Chairman
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL

Director of Accounts

TNW:MMH

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked.

The books of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records of appropriations and transfers voted, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1944.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the collector's records of payments to the treasurer, with the records in the several departments in which charges originated or in which money was collected for the town, and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded disbursements were compared with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on January 9, 1945, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The tax title deeds on hand were examined and listed, the amounts transferred from the tax levies to the tax title account being verified and the tax titles as listed being checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of taxes were compared with the warrants issued by the board of assessors, the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the recorded collections were checked with payments to the treasurer as recorded on the treasurer's and the accountant's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the controlling accounts.

Verification of the outstanding taxes was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received, it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

It was noted that no sewer assessments have been committed by the sewer commissioners since 1941, in which connection attention is called to the provisions of Chapter 228, Acts of 1899, relative to the assessment of sewer charges.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, town clerk, and the health department were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and the town were verified.

The savings bankbooks and securities representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer and library trustees were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified.

In checking the records of the clerk in the selectmen's department, it was noted that receipts have been held for several months before making a payment to the town treasurer, in which connection it is recommended that all receipts be promptly paid over to the treasurer.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures and of the police, fire, highway, public welfare, school, library and cemetery departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

Cooperation was received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts

HBD:MMH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended

Dec. 31, 1944

EXPENDITURES

1944

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	60.00	60.00
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Finance or Appropriation Committee:

Association Dues	10.00	
Travel Expenses	<u>10.00</u>	20.00

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages:

Chairman	550.00	
2 Members	900.00	
Assistant Clerk	1,340.00	
Additional Clerks	<u>-----</u>	2,790.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	72.49	
Printing and Advertising	110.19	
Travel, Mileage, Meals, Etc.	17.38	
Telephones	237.13	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	26.71	
Taxi Drivers' Badges	30.10	
Miscellaneous & Association Dues	<u>9.00</u>	503.00

War Effort and Service Expenses:

War Bond Drives:

Meals for Cavalcades	239.33	
Printing	11.50	
Room Accommodations	28.25	
Dance Orchestra & Expenses	31.00	
Women's Division	<u>24.65</u>	334.73

Victory Garden Expenses:

<u>30.14</u>	3,657.87
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Accountant:

Salaries and Wages:

Accountant	2,700.00	
Clerical Assistants	<u>632.30</u>	3,332.30

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage	13.61	
Binding and Printing	96.03	
Telephone	27.24	
Equipment and Maintenance	85.72	
Association Expenses & Dues	27.40	
Conference Expenses (Cleveland)	<u>100.00</u>	350.00
		3,682.30

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Treasurer:

Salaries and Wages:

Treasurer	2,050.00	
Clerk	1,218.00	
Other Clerks.	<u>100.00</u>	3,368.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	197.64	
Printing and Advertising.	135.26	
Equipment and Maintenance.	174.68	
Telephone	39.39	
Surety Bonds and Insurance	308.44	
Certification of Notes. .	28.00	
Association Dues and Ex-		
penses.	16.09	
Miscellaneous	<u>.50</u>	<u>900.00</u>
		4,268.00

Tax Collector:

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	2,600.00	
Clerk	<u>1,250.00</u>	3,850.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	633.48	
Printing and Advertising.	202.41	
Telephone	41.65	
Surety Bonds and Insurance	360.49	
Equipment and Maintenance	57.50	
Deputy Collectors' Fees .	46.00	
Tax Taking and Recording		
Expenses.	13.80	
Association Dues and Ex-		
penses.	26.07	
Collector's Local Travel.	75.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>.44</u>	<u>1,456.84</u>
		5,306.84

Assessors:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors - 2 Members . .	900.00	
Clerk of Board.	2,200.00	
Clerical Assistance . . .	<u>896.80</u>	3,996.80

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	16.75	
Printing, Advertising and		
Binding	81.81	
Auto Hire	225.00	
Other Traveling Expenses		
and Association Dues. .	49.70	
Telephone	40.75	
Equipment and Maintenance	15.53	
Registry of Deeds-Ab-		
stracts, etc.	128.17	
Publications.	<u>12.00</u>	<u>569.71</u>
		4,566.51

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Finance Offices & Accounts:

Printing & Certifications of
Bonds and Notes:

Certifying.	75.00	
Printing.	<u>32.85</u>	107.85

Law:

Salary of Town Counsel. . .	1,200.00	
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Other Expenses:

Witness Fees.	4.10	
Travel Expenses	35.70	
Office Supplies	5.00	
Association Dues.	10.00	
Telephone	10.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses. .	<u>12.00</u>	<u>76.80</u>
		1,276.80

Town Clerk:

Salaries and Wages:

Town Clerk.	1,500.00	
Clerical Assistance . . .	<u>360.00</u>	1,860.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage. .	146.59	
Printing and Advertising.	67.65	
Telephone	84.81	
Surety Bonds and Insur-		
ance.	12.50	
Equipment and Maintenance	123.91	
Association Dues and Ex-		
penses.	42.66	
Miscellaneous	<u>2.40</u>	<u>480.52</u>
		2,340.52

Election and Registration:

Salaries and Wages:

3 Registrars.	300.00	
Clerk of Board.	<u>150.00</u>	450.00
Election Officers, Coun-		
ters and Tellers. . . .	2,167.35	
All Others.	<u>79.00</u>	2,246.35

Other Expenses - Election:

Stationery, Postage & Sup-		
plies	40.24	
Poll List Books - 1M. . .	303.40	
Printing and Advertising.	613.88	
Meals	<u>444.25</u>	1,401.77

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Salaries and Wages:

Relisting of Polls and Women Inhabitants - Relisting

Office Clerical . . .	1,041.95	
Assistant Registrars.	<u>357.35</u>	1,399.30

Other Expenses - Relisting:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	27.13	
Printing.	<u>84.18</u>	<u>111.31</u>
		5,608.73

Engineering:

Salaries and Wages:

Engineer.	2,555.50	
Assistant Engineer. . . .	2,108.75	
Helper & Assistants . . .	<u>1,707.01</u>	6,371.26

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	53.42	
Office Equipment & Maintenance	26.90	
Telephone	<u>34.21</u>	114.53

Field Expenses:

Materials and Supplies. .	38.25	
Mileage and Travel. . . .	302.05	
Equipment and Maintenance	63.85	
Setting Bounds -Compressor		
Rental.	<u>86.70</u>	<u>490.85</u>
		6,976.64

Town Hall:

Salaries and Wages:

Janitor		2,494.17
Helpers		

Other Expenses:

Fuel.	1,312.58	
Lights and New Fixtures .	1,274.90	
Janitor's Supplies. . . .	240.51	
Repairs	852.19	
Telephone	16.76	
Storm Windows, Removal and Setting-up.	49.25	
Furniture (Stools). . . .	31.69	
Water	42.01	
Setting-up Booths	33.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>12.40</u>	<u>3,865.29</u>
		6,359.46

Planning Board:

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Rationing Board:

Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	92.04	
Telephone	386.73	
Equipment and Maintenance	52.19	
Travel	100.00	
Advertising	50.00	
Subscription - Southbridge News	9.00	
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		541.46

Retirement Fund Board:

Administration:	<hr/>	925.00
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Total General Government		45,697.98
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	3,000.00	
Patrolmen	35,733.97	
Special Police	3,392.91	
Caretaker of Station.	1,516.83	
Labor - Painting Street lines, etc.	255.22	43,898.93

Equipment and Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	678.71	
Gas, Oil, etc.	859.21	
Equipment for Men	99.78	
Photography & Fingerprint- ing	8.30	
Radio Equipment and Main- tenance	187.70	
Additional Equipment.	56.70	1,890.40

New Automobile:

Sedan - 2-Dr. Ford.		1,398.92
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Fuel and Light:

Fuel.	587.90	
Light	278.07	865.97

Maintenance of Building & Grounds:

Repairs	302.75	
Janitor's Supplies.	196.36	
Water Service	48.32	
Rubbish Removal	10.50	
Miscellaneous	6.23	564.16

Officers' and Prisoners' Expenses:

Officer's Travel.	58.40	
Matron and Guards	27.00	
Feeding and Medical Care.	388.87	474.27

Traffic Control:

Labor (See Salary and Wages).	-----	
Signs, Posts, Paints, etc.		489.50

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Sup- plies	130.00	
Telephone & Police Signals	1,294.80	
Office Equipment.	16.50	
Miscellaneous	51.42	1,492.72
		51,074.87

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	2,799.96	
Deputy Call Chief	399.98	
Permanent Firemen	33,506.84	
Call Men.	4,709.29	
Superintendent of Alarms.	350.00	
Assistant Clerk of Fire		
Dept.	75.00	
Other Employees	-----	41,841.07

Equipment New and Additional:

Equipment of Men.	472.79	
Accessories and Supplies.	534.22	
Power Nozzles	138.86	1,145.87

Equipment Maintenance & Repairs:

Radio Equipment & Main-		
tenance	68.43	
Apparatus Repairs	427.96	
Gas and Oil	346.90	
Alarm Boxes, etc.	341.40	
New Fire Alarm System . .	4,839.11	
Miscellaneous	8.92	6,032.72

Hydrant Service: 15,283.12

Fuel, Light & Water:

Fuel.	1,045.43	
Light	313.07	
Water	43.15	1,401.65

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	364.18	
Furniture & Furnishings .	45.91	
Laundry	88.60	
Machinist's Tools	127.31	
Janitors' Supplies and all		
others.	353.93	979.93

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Printing &		
Postage	109.89	
Telephone	175.52	
Office Equipment & Main-		
tenance	108.56	
Travel Expenses	268.83	
Food for Men.	6.05	
Association Dues.	9.00	677.85
		67,362.21

Forest Fire:

Salaries and Wages:

Warden.	200.00	
Fighting Fires.	146.50	
Patrolling	48.60	395.10

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Expenses:

Auto Rental	43.61		
Gasoline and Oil.	2.44		
4 90 G Indian Pump Tanks.	58.75		
Battery Charger	21.98		
2 Formair Conversion Units	10.26		
Pressure Gauge.	5.67		
Miscellaneous Materials & Supplies.	60.08		
All Others.	31.86	234.65	629.75

Ambulance:

Repairs and Maintenance	207.87		
Gasoline and Oil.	8.80		
Materials and Supplies.	86.62		
Drivers' Expenses	13.95	317.24	317.24

Sealer of Weights and Measurers:

Salary of Sealer.	1,300.00		
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Other Expenses:

Advertising'.	2.63		
Materials and Supplies.	13.50		
Travel Allowance.	300.00		
Equipment and Maintenance	7.36		
Moving Expenses	2.00	325.49	1,625.49

Game Warden:

Salary.	100.00	100.00
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Dog Officer:

Salary.	-----	-----
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Other Expenses:

Board and Feed.	303.00		
Killing and Burying	96.00	399.00	399.00

Street Lighting:

Street Lights	14,210.38		
Traffic Lights, Central and Hamilton Streets.	184.82	14,395.20	14,395.20

Animal Inspector:

Salary.	125.00		
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Other Expenses:

Postage and Supplies.	1.05		
Mileage for Travel.	48.08	49.13	174.13

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Building Inspector:

Salary of Inspector	300.00	
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Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery and			
Postage	8.08		
Travel Allowance.	59.20	67.28	
			367.28

Wire Inspector:

Salary of Inspector . . .	300.00	
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Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery and			
Postage	26.90		
Travel Allowance.	72.38		
Telephone . . . . .	.60	99.88	
			399.88

Planting and Trimming Trees:

Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	315.00	
Labor	204.35	519.35

Other Expenses:

Hardware and Tools.	38.83		
Tree Fertilizer	3.50		
Materials and Supplies.	9.51		
Truck Rental.	277.50	329.34	
			848.69

Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth
Extermination:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent.	127.25	
Labor	126.80	254.05

Other Expenses:

Truck Rental.	137.00		
Spray Pump.	7.79	144.79	
			398.84

Total Protection of Persons and Property.	138,092.58
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health	300.00	
Board of Physician.	300.00	
School Physicians	700.00	
Agent	500.00	
Nurse	1,760.00	
Plumbing Inspector.	1,980.00	
Food and Provision Inspec- tor	100.00	
Milk Inspector.	125.00	
Slaughtering Inspector.	350.00	
Dentists - Dental Clinic.	700.00	6,815.00

Other Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	58.32	
Printing and Advertising.	5.98	
Telephone	57.85	
Typist - T B Clinics and Clerical Assistant.	102.78	
Office Equipment Mainte- nance and Miscellaneous	18.20	243.13

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Medical Attendance.	175.00	
Drugs and Medical Supplies	8.35	
Dry Goods and Clothing.	----	
Groceries and Provisions.	20.00	
Cash Aid.	24.00	
Hospitals	----	
Ambulance Service	----	
Cities and Towns.	----	
Miscellaneous	----	
State and County Sanitori- ums	1,606.50	1,833.85

Vital Statistics:

Birth Returns	93.50	
Death Returns	40.75	134.25

Inspector Expenses:

Travel - Plumbing Inspec- tor	88.05	
Travel - Food & Provisions	56.40	
Travel - Milk Inspector.	68.30	
Travel - Nurse Inspector.	6.74	
Travel - Slaughtering In- spector	310.50	
Supplies - Slaughtering Inspector	1.25	531.24

Dental Clinic Supplies: 64.48

Milk Laboratory:

Equipment and Maintenance	135.82	200.30
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Expenses:

Burials	-----	
Non-Alcoholic License . .	10.00	
Miscellaneous	18.09	28.09
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Garbage Collection:

Contract.	4,500.00	14,285.86
	<u> </u>	

Sewer Maintenance Department:

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Commissioners	283.33	
Caretaker	2,044.00	2,327.33
	<u> </u>	

Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Sup- plies	4.36	
Telephone	40.68	
Miscellaneous	-----	45.04
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General Expenses:

Labor	99.25	
Tools and Equipment . . .	136.59	
Pipe, Fittings & Supplies	206.19	
Raising Manhole on Elm, Lebanon, Morris and In- vert of Newell Avenue .	127.50	
Oak Ridge Avenue Sewer Connection.	15.00	584.53
	<u> </u>	

Building and Grounds:

Building, Repairs & Ma- terials	87.64	
Fuel.	5.20	
Lights (January 1 to July 31)	5.25	98.09
	<u> </u>	

Cleaning Catch Basins:

Labor	112.00	
Truck	-----	

Truck and Tractor Maintenance:

Gas, Oil and Repairs. . .	268.82	
Garage Rent (January 1 to July 31).	28.00	296.82
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		3,463.81

Total Health and Sanitation 17,749.67

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

HIGHWAYS, SNOW AND ICE

General Administration:

Salary of Commissioners .	600.00	
Salary of Superintendent.	<u>2,200.00</u>	2,800.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	50.01	
Telephone	117.89	
Miscellaneous	<u>-----</u>	167.90

General Maintenance:

Labor and Clerk Operator.	16,115.62	
Truck Hire.	<u>-----</u>	
Equipment and Repairs . .	314.60	
Equipment Rental.	1,352.63	
Crushed Stone, Gravel, etc.	1,083.28	
Travis, Road Oil, etc. . .	5,272.63	
Other Road Materials & Supplies	921.53	
Miscellaneous	<u>234.02</u>	25,294.31

Automotive and Road Machinery:

Repairs and Maintenance .	4,370.71	
Gas, Oil, etc	2,466.05	
Miscellaneous	<u>38.20</u>	6,874.96

New Road Machinery:

Breakneck Road.	169.00	
Lebanon, Elm & Cedar Streets Drain	1,954.95	
Gardner & Marcy Streets Catch Basin	34.60	
Westville Bridge.	<u>502.54</u>	2,661.09

Building and Grounds:

Maintenance and Repairs .	558.08	
Fuel, Lights and Water. .	452.17	
All Others.	<u>-----</u>	1,010.25
		38,808.51

Town Dump and Rubbish:

Labor	1,099.00	
Rental of Town Dump . . .	93.75	
Rubbish Collection.	<u>2,166.90</u>	3,359.65

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	3,149.30	
Trucks.	17.00	
Cal Chloride Salt	139.80	
Food and Meals.	<u>107.90</u>	3,414.00
		3,414.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Chapter 90 Maintenance - State and
County Aid No. 9084:

Hamilton Street:

Labor	68.00	
Truck Hire.	7.00	75.00
	<u> </u>	

Worcester Street:

Labor	137.35	
Truck Hire.	69.50	
Travis.	172.49	379.34
	<u> </u>	

North Woodstock Road - Old and
New Roads:

Labor	798.20	
Truck Hire.	91.12	
Travis and Road Resurfacing	611.69	
Equipment Rental.	280.50	
Cable and Guard Post.	18.60	1,800.11
	<u> </u>	

Dresser Hill Road:

Labor	76.00	
Truck Hire.	14.00	90.00
	<u> </u>	

Mechanic Street:

Labor	41.00	
Truck Hire.	19.00	60.00
	<u> </u>	

Saundersdale Road:

Labor	112.55	
Truck Hire.	30.00	
Cable and Guard Post.	53.00	195.55
	<u> </u>	

River Road:

Labor	76.00		
Truck Hire.	24.00	100.00	
	<u> </u>		
			<u>2,700.00</u>

Total Highways

48,282.16

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00	
Supervisor	880.00	
Clerks	320.00	1,650.00

General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies & Postage	6.86	
Telephones	144.78	
Mileage and Travel Allowance	352.44	
Office Equipment & Maintenance	15.35	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	.75	520.18

General Relief:

Groceries and Provisions	4,991.65	
Fuel and Lights	937.79	
Medicine and Medical Care	2,656.96	
Hospital Care	704.75	
Rent	1,664.50	
Clothing	608.80	
Cash Grants	3,933.05	
Board and Care (Local)	2,059.50	
State Institutions	2,317.00	
Private Institutions	735.25	
Household Furniture & Moving	64.15	
Burials	625.00	
Electric Power at Infirmary	55.00	
Miscellaneous	-----	21,353.40

Relief by Other Cities and Towns:

Cities	174.17	
Towns	1,355.20	1,529.37

Truck Expenses:

Gas and Oil	67.42	
Repairs and Maintenance	91.00	
Registration	2.50	160.92
		25,213.87

Aid to Dependent Children:

From Town Appropriation:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	440.00
Clerk	-----

Administration:

(See Aid to Dependent Children - Federal Grants)

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	5,739.59	6,179.59
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Aid to Dependent Children:

From Federal Grants:

Salaries and Wages:

Clerks.	800.20	
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Administration:

Travel Expenses	45.00	
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	78.71	123.71

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	3,340.71	4,264.62
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Old Age Assistance:

From Town Appropriation:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00	
Supervisor	880.00	
Clerks.	880.00	2,210.00

Administration Expenses:

(See Old Age Assistance - Federal Grants)

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	39,155.52	
Cities and Towns.	170.83	39,326.35
		41,536.35

Old Age Assistance:

From Federal Grants:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor.	300.00	
Clerks.	283.00	
Clerk's 1943 Increase	82.00	665.00

Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	96.44	
Travel Allowance.	112.20	208.64

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	31,677.39	
Cities and Towns.	457.09	32,134.48
		33,008.12

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Child Welfare Service:

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	1,868.10	
Clerks	<u>532.14</u>	2,400.24

Office Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	36.37	
Telephone	<u>93.45</u>	129.82
Refund to State		<u>163.04</u>

Field & Convention Expenses:

Mileage and Travel	<u>445.99</u>	3,139.09
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Infirmary:

Salary of Superintendent		1,800.00
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Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	2,088.02	
Clothing and Household Furnishings	153.00	
Building and Maintenance:		
Insulation	499.00	
G E Refrigerator	750.00	
Plumbing	146.20	
Painting	108.04	
All Others	139.44	
Fuel, Lights and Water	400.32	
Travel Expenses (Members of Board)	10.85	
Hospital, Medical Care and Supplies	46.73	
Telephone	41.91	
Miscellaneous	<u>35.31</u>	<u>4,418.82</u>
		6,218.82

Soldiers' Benefits:

General Administration:

Salary of Agent	824.00	
Clerical Assistant	<u>9.02</u>	833.02
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	1.67	
Travel and Mileage	571.83	
Veterans' Discharge Buttons	7.00	
Dues	<u>2.00</u>	582.50

Relief Benefits:

State Aid - Cash Grants		630.00
Military Aid - Cash Grants		740.00
War Allowance - 2nd World War - Cash Grants		100.00
Fuel and Lights	322.61	

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Groceries and Provisions.	1,515.11		
Cash Grants and Rent. . .	4,244.67		
Medical and Hospital Care	2,004.15		
Clothing, etc..	<u>54.20</u>	<u>8,140.74</u>	11,026.26
Veterans' Rehabilitation:			
Administration:			
Clerk Hire.	169.20		
Stationery and Supplies .	<u>15.18</u>	184.38	<u>184.38</u>
Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits			130,771.10

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools:

General Control Salaries:

Superintendent.	4,959.30	
Clerks.	2,029.50	
Attendance Officer. . . .	385.00	
School Census	113.28	7,487.08

General Control Expenses:

Printing, Stationery & Postage	313.71	
Telephone	129.51	
Traveling Expenses. . . .	112.39	
Automobile Maintenance & Operation	356.29	
All Other Expenses. . . .	58.24	
Office Equipment.	6.60	976.74

Instruction Salaries:

High School Principal . .	4,257.62	
High School Teachers. . .	43,101.33	
Elementary School Teachers	76,376.79	
Evening School Teachers .	380.00	
Domestic Science Teachers	274.42	
Household Arts Teachers. .	2,472.58	
Continuation School Teach- ers	221.70	127,084.44

Auxiliary Agencies Salaries:

School Physician.	1,420.00	
School Nurse.	1,477.56	
Clerk in High School Prin- cipal Office.	1,384.65	
Extra Clerical Help - High School.	275.15	
Extra Clerical Help - Ele- mentary School.	206.81	4,764.17

Operation of Plant Salaries:

High School Janitors. . .	5,335.82	
Elementary School Janitors	7,398.58	
Evening School Janitors .	49.50	
Helpers, etc.	1,148.33	13,932.23

Instruction Expenses:

High School

Text and Reference Books. .	1,414.95	
Supplies.	2,981.83	
Typewriters, Machines, etc.	177.67	4,574.45

Elementary Schools

Text and Reference Books. .	2,828.81	
Supplies.	1,735.40	
Instructional Apparatus .	145.03	4,709.24

Household Arts Supplies .	320.69	
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Continuation Classes Sup- plies	13.09	
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Evening Classes Supplies.	5.35	339.13
Auxiliary Agency Expenses:		
Transportation of Pupils .	9,651.55	
Transportation of Nurse .	210.00	
Transportation of Teachers	375.02	
Telephone - Nurse	38.15	
Tuition of Other Schools.	209.49	
Miscellaneous Supplies. .	2.50	10,486.71
New Furniture and Mechanical		
Instruction Expenses:		
High School	37.62	
Elementary Schools. . . .	644.66	
Visual Education.	53.47	
Other Expenses.	7.70	743.45
Operation of Plant Expenses:		
Fuel, Lights & Water:		
High School	4,206.38	
Elementary Schools. . . .	6,942.92	11,149.30
Drayage:		
High School	45.89	
Elementary School	82.61	128.50
Telephone:		
High School	119.39	
Elementary Schools. . . .	253.07	372.46
Janitors' Supplies:		
High School	254.64	
Elementary Schools. . . .	1,198.15	1,452.79
Maintenance of Plant Expenses:		
Buildings and Grounds:		
High School Repairs and		
Service Systems	1,494.21	
Elementary School Repairs		
and Service Systems . .	1,856.62	3,350.83
Other Expenses:		
Graduation Expenses:		
Diplomas, etc.	81.38	
Miscellaneous Printing and		
Postage	69.89	151.27
Town's Contribution for Teachers'		
Retirement in Military Service		630.65

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Robert H. Cole Trade School:

General Control and Instruction
Salaries:

Director.	4,350.00	
Clerks.	2,907.34	
Instructors	<u>22,601.99</u>	29,859.33

General Control Expenses:

Telephone, Postage & Stationery	312.17	
Travel Expenses	<u>145.92</u>	458.09

Instruction Expenses:

Text Books, Supplies and Shop Materials.	2,601.73	
Shop Equipment.	<u>1,661.14</u>	4,262.87

Operation of Plant Salaries:

Janitors' Helpers, etc.		2,890.16
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Operation of Plant Expenses:

Fuel, Light and Water	2,043.57	
Furniture and Furnishings	<u>3.91</u>	2,047.48

Maintenance of Buildings and
Grounds:

Repairs	301.52	
Janitors' Supplies.	344.49	
Alterations and Additions	-----	
Miscellaneous	<u>83.54</u>	729.55

Evening Classes:

Teachers' Salaries.	417.67	
Clerks' Salaries.	120.50	
Janitors' Salaries.	<u>105.65</u>	643.82

Other Expenses:

Materials and Supplies.	124.27	
Fuel.	<u>100.00</u>	224.27

Other Expenses:

Graduation Expenses		<u>33.19</u>
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Total Expenditures from Town
Appropriations

233,482.20

Smith-Hughes School Fund:

Teachers' Salaries:

Continuation Classes.	44.63	
Household Art Classes	223.54	
Vocational Classes.	3,958.13	
Vocational Evening Classes	<u>11.33</u>	4,237.63

George Deen School Fund:

Teachers' Salaries:

Vocational Classes.	5,953.77	
Vocational Evening Classes	<u>79.00</u>	6,032.77

243,752.60

Vocational Education of National
Defense Workers Federal Funds:

Supervisor Salaries:

Director.	300.00	
Clerk	<u>520.00</u>	820.00

Expenses:

Travel and Communication.	583.00	
Office Supplies	<u>3.00</u>	586.00

Instruction - Salaries:

Teachers, Assistants & Janitors.		2,379.60
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Expenses:

Supplies.	139.48	
Maintenance and Equipment	50.98	
Building Operation.	<u>392.38</u>	<u>582.84</u>
		<u>4,368.44</u>

Total Schools Expenditures		248,121.04
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Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:

Librarian	2,199.96	
Assistants.	3,518.58	
Janitor	<u>1,547.60</u>	7,266.14

Books and Periodicals:

Books	2,299.11	
Periodicals	<u>326.05</u>	2,625.16

Binding:

Books and Periodicals . .		124.68
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Fuel and Light	-----	-----
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Building:

Repairs	5.50	
Furniture and Furnishings	9.73	
Other Expenses.	<u>14.84</u>	30.07

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies - Postage		<u>211.60</u>
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Total Library Expenditures from Town Appropriation		10,257.65
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Library Expenditures from Trust Funds
in Control of Trustees

(See Library Trustees' Report)	-----	-----	-----
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Total Schools and Library		<u>258,378.69</u>
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:

Parks:

Labor - Dresser Street		
Playground.	164.50	
Maintenance of Legion		
Plots	136.75	
Equipment	----	
Loam.	6.25	
Water Service	12.86	
Trees	56.75	377.11

Playgrounds:

Instructors' Salaries . .	1,593.00	
Travel Expenses	19.00	
Equipment and Maintenance	4.03	
Materials and Supplies. .	547.35	
Games Sets, etc	313.61	2,476.99

World War Memorial:

Labor	184.35	
Plants, Trees, Fertilizer		
and Supplies.	25.16	
Water and Lights.	53.30	262.81

Swimming Pool Operation Account:

Instructors' Salaries . .	1,536.40	
Equipment and Maintenance	74.97	1,611.37

Swimming Pool Construction Account:

Sanding, Blasting, Bridge,		
etc	1,198.44	
Concrete Wall Cap - Con-		
tract	1,521.82	2,720.26

2nd World War Honor Roll:

Electric Lighting	58.68	
Materials and Supplies. .	266.85	325.53

Unclassified:

Damage to Persons and Property:	130.41
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Memorial Day Celebration:	294.37
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Armistic Day Celebration:	150.00
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Printing Town and Finance Committee Reports:

Town Reports - (1500) . .	601.26	
Finance Reports - (2500).	225.00	
Indexing.	----	826.26

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Pensions (Non-Contributory):

Police - Chapter 32 . . .	2,073.24	
Firemen - Chapter 32. . .	323.97	
School Janitors (Vets' Act).	1,249.76	3,646.97

Insurance:

Buildings and Contents:

Fire.	4,222.29	
War Damage.	----	
Automotive Equipment-Fire, Theft and Collision . .	1,399.25	

Casualty and Liability:

Automotive Equipment. . .	995.14	
Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability. . . .	1,648.93	
Boiler Explosion Liability	80.55	
World War Honor Roll. . .	15.00	8,361.16

Town Clock:

64.98

Water and Ice:

Water and Bubbler Repairs	106.07	
Ice	375.00	481.07

North Woodstock Road Land
Taking:

100.00

1943 Outstanding Bills:

Public Welfare.	53.25	
Infirmary	20.03	
Schools	300.00	
Water and Ice	80.60	
Town Hall	118.21	572.09

Total Recreation and Unclassified

22,401.38

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

CEMETERY

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Salaries:

Superintendent.	500.00	
Labor	3,163.72	3,663.72

Other Expenses:

Loam, Fertilizer, etc . .	366.77	
Flowers and Trees	134.00	
Signs	7.35	
Equipment, Maintenance and		
Tools	244.60	
Team Hire	180.00	
Equipment Rental.	73.40	
Truck Hire.	-----	
Gasoline and Oil.	18.78	
Materials, Supplies and		
all others.	49.96	1,074.86

Total Cemetery

4,738.58

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Charlton Street Sidewalk:
(Easterly from Mechanic Street)

Labor	1,671.30		
Concrete Patch.	263.34		
Sand and Gravel	215.50		
Cement.	1,359.11		
Other Materials and Sup- plies	3.76	3,513.01	

Green Ave. Sidewalk and Randolph
Street to Mechanic Street:

Labor	452.65		
Cement.	188.68		
Other Materials and Sup- plies	7.79	649.12	4,162.13

Brickyard Road Resurfacing:

Labor	204.45		
Sand and Gravel	40.75		
Tarvia and Road Oil	722.72	967.92	967.92

Worcester Street Sewer:
(Continued from 1942)

Contract (Final Payment).	889.58		
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Hillcrest Avenue Sewer:

Contract.	933.89		
Advertising and Recording	11.83	945.72	

Columbia Street Sewer:

Recording Fee	1.30		
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Fiske Street Sewer:

(From end of present Sewer to Hill-
crest Avenue)

Contract.	2,176.53		
Sewer Pipe.	468.24		
Oakum (Dry Rope) 2100 lbs.	329.28		
Sewer Joint Compound 4986 lbs	141.68		
Manhole Frames and Covers	150.00		
Gravel and Excavation . .	41.25		
Trucking Manhole Frames .	34.00		
Advertising and Recording	10.55	3,351.53	5,188.13

Airport Account:

(Continuing to 1945)

Purchase of land on Pleas- ant Street.	2,000.00		
Purchase of Shepherd Prop- erty.	12,500.00	14,500.00	
Engineering and Architec- tural Services.	2,183.23		
Contract.	26,496.90		
Advertising, Abstract of Titles and Filing of Partition	82.43	28,762.56	43,262.56

Trees and Shrubs:

Labor	47.00		
Truck Hire.	40.50		
Protective Wire	2.52		
Loam.	5.88		
Trees and Shrubs.	203.95	299.85	299.85

Total Special Accounts

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53,880.59

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

NATIONAL DEFENSE - PUBLIC SAFETY

National Defense:

Administration:	-----	-----
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Auxiliary Fire Service:	-----	-----
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Auxiliary Police:	-----	-----
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Air Raid Warden Equipment:	-----	-----
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Report Center:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies.	32.22	
Telephone	68.37	
Equipment and Maintenance	<u>4.85</u>	105.44

Air Raid Precaution School:	-----	-----
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Identification:	-----	-----
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Uniforms and Supplies:

Officers' Uniforms and Shoes		<u>140.66</u>
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Total National Defense

246.10

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue .	550.07	
Anticipation of Chapter 90 Reimbursements.	-----	550.07

General Loans:

School Bonds.	2,740.00		
County T.B Hospital Loan.	1,337.00	4,077.00	
			4,627.07

Maturing Debt:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue .	300,000.00
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General Loans:

School Bonds.	13,000.00	
County T B Hospital Dis- trict	5,300.00	18,300.00
		318,300.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt	322,927.07
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

State Tax	30,250.00	
State Auditing Tax. . . .	686.70	
State Parks and Reserva- tions Tax	660.09	
State Examination-Retire- ment System	42.40	31,639.19
County Tax	25,966.04	
County T B Hospital Main- tenance	9,651.70	35,617.74
Dog Tax Fees Paid to Coun- ty.		1,918.40
Federal Withholding Tax .	33,687.13	
Federal Withholding Tax- Refunds	8.32	33,695.45

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.	375.00
Pension and Retirement Fund.	9,826.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Permanent Trusts:

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	13.46	
Mary Mynott (Library) . .	13.83	27.29

Investment Funds:

U.S. War Bonds.		
Postwar Rehabilitation.	75,000.00	

Total Agency, Trust and Investment		188,099.07
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REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Taxes	6.08	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.	134.13	140.21
Estimated Receipts -		
(Slaughter License) . .		1.00

Transfers:

Retirement System Administration
(See General Government)
Pension Accumulation Fund and
Interest Deficiency -
(See Agency, Trust and Invest-
ment)

Total Refunds and Transfers	141.21
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Total Payments for 1944	1,231,406.18
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Cash on Hand - December 31, 1944	417,097.23
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1,648,503.41

LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

December 31, 1944.

Unpaid Bills:

Soldiers' Relief Department	560.95	
Sewer Department.	257.98	
Public Welfare.	32.00	868.93

Overdrawn Accounts:

Sewer Department.	62.23	931.16
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Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

1944

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll.	8,828.00	
Personal.	78,051.73	
Real Estate	408,176.52	
Motor Vehicle Excise. . .	15,017.00	510,070.25

Previous Year:

Poll.	2.00	
Personal.	1,656.55	
Real Estate	33,069.92	
Motor Vehicle Excise. . .	135.49	34,863.96

From State:

Income Tax.	53,859.50	
Business - Corporation Tax	71,294.06	125,153.56

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Licenses:

Liquor.	13,509.00	
Peddlers, Hawkers and Junk	138.50	
Sunday Store.	6.00	
Common Victualers and Inn-		
holders	132.00	
Pool, Billiard and Bowling.	150.00	
Pasteurizing, Milk and		
Oleomargarine	116.50	
Auto Dealers.	6.00	
Auctioneers	10.00	
Taxis and Drivers	56.00	
Firearms.	46.00	
All Others.	59.69	14,229.69

Permits:

Garage.	16.00	
Gas and Motor Oil	18.50	
Kerosene and Fuel Oil . .	-----	
All Others (Wrestling). .	5.00	39.50

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	1,048.50
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Grants and Gifts - State:

Vocational, American Edu-		
cation and English Speak-		
ing Classes	21,622.29	
Vocational Education of		
Defense Workers	4,020.00	
George Deen School Fund .	4,845.11	
Smith-Hughes School Fund.	5,057.90	
Highway Distribution Fund	18,587.13	
Old Age Assistance Meal		
Tax	1,559.48	55,691.91
County - Dog Licenses . .		2,123.28

GENERAL REVENUE (Continued)

Highway Aid:

State and County - Chapter 90:

State	1,106.33	
County	1,137.61	2,243.94

Grants and Gifts - Federal:

Aid to Dependent Children	2,650.13	
Old Age Assistance	30,890.43	33,540.56

All Other General Revenue:

Tax Demands	86.10	
Redemption of Deed	3.00	
Tax Title Redeemed	1,320.60	1,409.70

Total General Revenue

780,414.85

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Departmental:

General Government:

Selectmen:

Town Hall Rental	490.00	
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Total General Government

490.00

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police:

Station Rental	2,425.00	
Sale of Ford Automobile . .	837.50	
Insurance for Damage to Car	51.00	
Telephone Toll Calls	6.25	3,319.75

Fire:

Sale of Old Materials	119.80	
Recharging of Fire Ex-		
tinguishers	9.34	
Insurance for Damage to		
Door of Building	43.49	172.63

Sealer of Weights and Measurers:

Sealing Fees of 1943	83.60	
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Ambulance Fees:

790.00

Total Protection of Persons & Property

4,365.98

Health and Sanitation:

Health and Sanitation:

Contagious Diseases and		
Tuberculosis	800.12	
All Others . . . . .	.70	800.82

COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Sewer Department:		
Sale of Junk.	17.10	
Total Health and Sanitation		817.92
Highway Department:		
Highway:		
Rental of Equipment . . .	491.92	
Total Highway Department		491.92
Public Welfare and Soldiers' Benefits:		
Infirmary:		
Reimbursement for Board and Care.	13.00	
Temporary Aid Reimbursements:		
From Cities and Towns . .	2,303.33	
From State.	5,538.96	
From Individuals.	51.88	7,894.17
Aid to Dependent Children - Reimbursements:		
From State.	2,557.02	
Old Age Assistance - Reim- bursements:		
From State.	27,656.18	
From Cities and Towns . .	573.21	28,229.39
Child Welfare Service-- Reimbursements:		
From State.	1,077.07	
From Towns.	780.00	1,857.07
Soldiers' Benefits:		
State Aid	630.00	
Military Aid.	370.00	
2nd War Allowance	890.00	1,890.00
Total Public Welfare & Soldiers' Benefits		42,440.65
Schools and Libraries:		
Schools:		
Tuition - High and Cole Trade Schools	10,026.18	
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards.	791.06	
Sale of Books and Supplies	385.03	11,202.27
Libraries:		
Fines and Sales	1,043.39	
Total Schools and Libraries		12,245.66

COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Unclassified:

Federal Tax on Employees Wages (See Agency)		
Insurance Reimbursements for Highway Truck Damage	41.20	
Total Unclassified		41.20
Total Departmental Revenue		60,893.33

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Assessments:

Sewers Added to Taxes . .	372.92	
Unapportioned Sewers. . .	-----	
Paid in Advance	33.79	406.71

Sidewalk Assessments:

Sidewalks Added to Taxes.		91.93
Unapportioned Sidewalks .	-----	
Paid in Advance	-----	

Total Assessments Revenue		498.64
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CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots and Graves .	245.00	
Graves Opened	439.00	
Foundation Installed. . .	3.00	

Total Cemetery Revenue		687.00
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INTEREST

On Deferred Taxes	921.95	
Tax Title Redeemed. . . .	125.51	1,047.46

Special Assessments:

Sidewalks	36.01	
Sewers.	10.49	46.50

On Motor Vehicle Excise		1.51
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On Trust and Investment Funds:

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	55.00	
Mary Mynott (Library) . .	20.00	75.00
Cemetery Funds (General Care)		1,855.37

Total Interest Revenue		3,025.84
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	300,000.00	
General Loans:		
Air Port.	75,000.00	
Premium on Air Port Loan.	385.50	

Total Loan Revenue		375,385.50
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

Dog License Fees - County	1,918.40	
Federal Tax on Employees'		
Wages	34,320.80	36,239.20

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care .	375.00	
Postwar Rehabilitation. .	1,043.10	

Total Agency, Trust and Investment		37,657.30
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REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

General Departments:

Town Clerk.	6.90	
Town Hall	11.40	
Rationing Board	3.08	
Highways - Road Machinery	7.64	
Schools	1.00	

Welfare Department:

Public Welfare.	19.40	
Aid to Dependent Children	39.59	
Old Age Assistance. . . .	132.10	
Old Age Assistance - Fed- eral Grant.	228.20	
Military Aid.	30.00	
Soldiers' Relief.	24.60	

Charlton St. Sidewalk . .	610.00	
Dividend on Mutual Fire Insurance	179.09	
Audit Workmen Comp. and Pub. Liability Insurance	318.78	
Federal Excise Tax - on Police Department Auto- mobile.	49.27	
Accrued Interest - Air Port Loan	15.65	

Total Refunds		<u>1,676.70</u>
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Total Revenue		1,260,239.16
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Cash on Hand - January 1, 1944		388,264.25
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	<u>1,648,503.41</u>
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TOWN OF SOUTHERIDGE

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1944

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash in Banks and Office:		Temporary Loans:	
Accounts Receivable:		In Anticipation of Revenue 1944,	
Taxes:		Federal Taxes Withheld.....	\$100,000.00
Levy of 1943.....	\$ 115.82	Trust and Investment Fund Income:	
Levy of 1944.....	\$ 23,455.41	Jesse J. Angell Charity	
		Fund.....	31.27
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Ella M. Cole Fund - Needy	158.08
Levy of 1943.....	2.00	School Children.....	
Levy of 1944.....	115.90	Alexis Boyer, Jr., School	
		Fund.....	11.29
Special Assessments:		Mary Mynott Library Fund..	63.89
Sewer Added to Taxes 1944	43.57	Postwar Rehabilitation	
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1944	24.46	Fund.....	1,043.10
Committed Interest:			
Sewer Added to Taxes 1944	4.60	Vocational Education:	
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1944	2.94	George-Deen Fund.....	239.32
		Smith-Hughes Fund.....	868.56
		Special - Defense Workers.	446.82
Tax Titles.....	2,327.79	Premium on Loan.....	1,554.70
Tax Possessions.....	1,004.45		277.65
		Sale of Cemetery Lots and	
Departmental:		Graves Fund.....	3,213.00
Selectmen - Cole Lot Timber			
Town Hall.....	510.40	Machinery Rental Fund.....	679.32
Health.....	485.00		
Ambulance.....	444.29	Tailings.....	46.86
Highway.....	740.00		
Temporary Aid.....	853.75	Federal Grants:	
Old Age Assistance.....	160.40	Aid to Dependent Children:	
	163.93	Administration.....	726.37
		Aid.....	730.35

State Aid.....	630.00
Military Aid.....	355.00
War Allowance.....	50.00
School.....	12.50
Cemetery.....	170.00

Overdrawn Account:
Sewer Maintenance Expense...

4,575.27
62.23

Old Age Assistance:	
Administration.....	1,025.79
Assistance.....	2,800.98

5,283.49

Appropriation Balances:

Ration Board Expenses.....	661.42
Sewer Maintenance - Salaries	62.23
Child Welfare Service.....	62.84
Honor Roll.....	375.72
Civilian Defense Activities	8,180.71
Airport Construction.....	46,582.44
Charlton Street Sidewalk..	1,246.99
Columbia Street Sewer.....	648.70
Fiske Street Sewer Purchase	176.41
Swimming Pool and Park....	
Project.....	1,315.02
Veterans' Rehabilitation	
Committee.....	565.62
New Fire Alarm System.....	160.89
Worcester Street Sidewalk.	1,600.00

61,648.99
910.59

Sewer Assessment Reserve....

27,222.41

Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:
Levy of 1943..... 113.82
Levy of 1944..... 10,126.04

10,239.86

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax..	117.90
Sewer Assessment.....	48.17
Sidewalk Assessment.....	27.40
Tax Title and Tax Possession	3,332.24
Departmental.....	4,575.27

8,100.98

Surplus Revenue

224,247.43

\$448,831.67

\$448,831.67

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Assessments Not Due:

Sewer.....	\$103.40	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue	\$85.21
		Due in 1945.....	18.19

Sidewalk.....

76.71	Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Revenue:	76.71
\$180.11	Due in 1945.....	\$180.11

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt..

\$211,000.00	Eastford Road and West Street School Loan.....	80,000.00
	Northern District Elementary School Loan.....	56,000.00
	Airport Construction Loan...	75,000.00
\$211,000.00		\$211,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer.	\$154,412.59
In Custody of Library Trustees.....	4,868.92

\$159,281.51

Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund	1,295.77
Ella M. Cole Fund.....	3,000.00
Alexis Boyer, Jr., School Fund.....	389.37
Mary Mynott Library Fund....	1,000.00
Bradford Library Fund.....	4,868.92
Cemetery General Care Funds..	25,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	48,727.45
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund..	75,000.00

\$159,281.51
\$159,281.51

Municipal Contributor Retirement Fund:

Cash and Securities.....

Retirement System Funds:

Annuity Savings Fund.....	30,014.10
Annuity Reserve Fund.....	3,201.66
Pension Accumulation Fund..	9,845.05
Pension Accumulation Fund, Special.....	228.63
Pension Reserve Fund.....	85.63
Expense Fund.....	103.50

\$43,478.57

\$43,478.57

SCHOOLS & LIBRARY:							
Schools:							
Salaries	188,000.00		188,000.00	186,660.23		186,660.23	1,339.77
All Other	45,630.00						
From Refund		1.00					
From Playgrounds		542.76					
From Fiske St. Sewer		668.74	46,842.50	46,821.97		46,821.97	20.53
Schools' Outstanding Bills							
From 1943 Balance		300.00	300.00	300.00		300.00	
George-Deen Fund							
From 1943 Balance		1,426.98					
From Grants		4,846.11	6,272.09	6,032.77		6,032.77	239.32
Smith-Hughes Fund:							
From 1943 Balance		48.29					
From Grants		5,057.90	5,106.19	4,237.63		4,237.63	868.66
Vocational Education of							
National Defense Workers:							
From 1943 Balance		795.26					
From U.S. Grants		4,020.00	4,815.26	4,368.44		4,368.44	446.82
Library:							
Salaries	8,200.00		8,200.00	7,266.14	933.86	8,200.00	
To Library All Other							
All Other	2,160.00						
From Library Salaries		933.86	3,083.86	3,091.51		2,991.51	92.35
Total - Schools and Library	243,980.00	18,639.80	262,619.90	258,678.69	933.86	259,612.55	1,452.65 1,554.70
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:							
Parks:							
From Reserve Fund	375.00	2.11	377.11	377.11		377.11	
Playgrounds:							
To Schools - All Other	3,020.00		3,020.00	2,476.99			
World War Memorial Park	300.00		300.00	262.81	542.76	3,019.75	.25
Swimming Pool Operation Account:						262.81	37.19
From 1943 Balance		560.95					
From Swimming Pool Construc-							
tion Account		1,662.98	2,213.93	1,562.98			
To Construction Account					550.95	2,113.93	100.00
Swimming Pool Construction Ac-							
count:	5,000.00						
From 1943 Balance		195.70					
From Operating Account		550.95	5,746.65	2,768.65			
To Operating Account					1,662.98	4,431.63	1,315.02
2nd World War Memorial -							
Honor Roll:							
From 1943 Balance		701.25	701.25	325.53		325.53	375.72
Damage to Persons & Property:	500.00		500.00	130.41		130.41	369.59
Memorial Day Exercises:	300.00		300.00	294.37		294.37	5.63
Armistice Day	150.00		150.00	150.00		150.00	
Annual Town Reports	1,200.00		1,200.00	826.26		826.26	373.74
Pensions (Non-Contributory)	3,323.00						
From Fiske St. Sewer		323.97	3,646.97	3,646.97		3,646.97	
Pension Accumulation Fund	9,826.00		9,826.00				
To Retirement System					9,826.00	9,826.00	
Insurance:	8,550.00		8,550.00	8,361.16		8,361.16	188.84
Town Clock	75.00		75.00	64.98		64.98	10.02
Water and Ice Account	500.00		500.00	481.07		481.07	18.93
Outstanding Bills of Previous							
Year	225.00						
From Reserve Fund		48.00	273.00	272.09		272.09	.91
National Defense & Public Safety:							
Administration - From 1943 Balance		502.05	502.05				502.05
Auxiliary Police - From 1943 Balance		3,323.59	3,323.59				3,323.59
Auxiliary Fire - From 1943 Balance		1,302.12	1,302.12				1,302.12
First Aid Supplies - From 1943							
Balance		792.52	792.52				792.52
Radio Communication - From 1943							
Balance		200.00	200.00				200.00
Uniforms & Supplies - From 1943							
Balance		147.62	147.62	140.66		140.66	6.96
Womens' Activities - From 1943							
Balance		228.61	228.61				228.61
Air Raid Warning System - From							
1943 Balance		1,250.00	1,250.00				1,250.00
Report Center - From 1943 Balance		183.93	183.93	105.44		105.44	78.49
Air Raid Precaution School -							
From 1943 Balance		184.47	184.47				184.47
Air Raid Wardens' Equipment -							
From 1943 Balance		97.92	97.92				97.92
Identification - From 1943 Balance		213.98	213.98				213.98
Total - Recreation & Unclassified	33,344.00	12,462.72	45,806.72	22,247.48	12,582.69	34,830.17	1,105.10 9,871.45
ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES:							
Cemeteries:							
Dividends on Trust Funds	2,900.00	1,855.37	4,755.37	4,738.58		4,738.58	16.79
Total - Enterprises & Cemeteries	2,900.00	1,855.37	4,755.37	4,738.58		4,738.58	16.79
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:							
(Non Re-current)							
Air Port Account:							
From Excess & Deficiency		14,855.00					
From Loans Authorized		75,000.00	89,855.00	43,262.56		43,262.56	46,592.44
Planting of Trees & Shrubs:	200.00		200.00				200.00
Trees and Shrubs Account:							
From Excess & Deficiency		300.00	300.00	299.85		299.85	.15
Brickyard Road Resurfacing	1,500.00		1,500.00	967.92		967.92	532.08
Charlton Street Sidewalk:							
(Northerly side from							
Mechanic St.)	4,150.00						
From Refund		610.00	4,760.00	3,613.01			
To Charlton St. Sidewalk							
(Southerly side at Sacred					1,246.99	4,760.00	
Heart Church)							
Charlton Street Sidewalk:							
(Southerly side at Sacred							
Heart Church)		1,246.99	1,246.99				1,246.99
Green Avenue Sidewalk:							
(Westerly side to Randolph							
thence to Mechanic St.)							
From Excess & Deficiency		650.00	650.00	649.12		649.12	.88
Columbia St. Sewer:							
From Excess & Deficiency		650.00	650.00	1.30		1.30	648.70
Fiske Street Sewer:	4,500.00		4,500.00	3,351.53			
To Schools - All Other					668.74		
To Pension Account					323.97		
To Tree Warden Account					100.00	4,444.24	55.76
Fiske Street - Skowron Sewer							
Purchase:							
From Sewer Ass'ts. Surplus		176.41	176.41				176.41
Hillcrest Avenue Sewer to							
Adeline St.:							
From Excess & Deficiency		950.00	950.00	945.72		945.72	4.28
Worcester St. Sewer Con-							
tinued from 1942:	719.00						
From 1943 Balance		170.25					
From Reserve Fund		.33	889.58	889.58		889.58	
Veterans' Rehabilitation Ac-							
count:		750.00	750.00	184.38		184.38	565.62
North Woodstock Road Land							
Taking:							
From 1943 Balance		100.00	100.00	100.00		100.00	
Fire Dept. - New Alarm System:							
From Reserve Fund		5,000.00	5,000.00	4,839.11		4,839.11	160.89
Worcester Street Sidewalk:							
(Westerly side from Snow St.)							
From Excess & Deficiency		1,600.00	1,600.00				1,600.00
Total - Special Appropriations	11,069.00	102,058.98	113,127.98	59,004.08	2,339.70	61,343.78	793.15 50,991.05
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT:							
Interest - Temporary Loans							
Interest - Temporary Loans	700.00		700.00	550.07		550.07	149.93
Interest - Fixed Debt							
Interest - Fixed Debt	2,740.00		2,740.00	2,740.00		2,740.00	
Interest - County T B Hospital							
Interest - County T B Hospital	1,337.00		1,337.00	1,337.00		1,337.00	
Maturing Debt - General Loans							
Maturing Debt - General Loans	13,000.00		13,000.00	13,000.00		13,000.00	
Maturing Debt - County T B							
Maturing Debt - County T B							
Hospital Loan	5,300.00		5,300.00	5,300.00		5,300.00	
Total - Interest and Maturing Debt	23,077.00		23,077.00	22,927.07		22,927.07	149.93
AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENTS:							
State Tax:							
State Tax:	30,250.00		30,250.00	30,250.00		30,250.00	
State Auditing Tax	686.70		686.70	686.70		686.70	
State Parks and Reservations							
Tax	660.09						
From 1943 Balance		19.51	679.60	660.09		660.09	
1943 Balance							19.51
State Examination of Retire-							
ment System Tax	42.40		42.40	42.40		42.40	
County Tax:	25,966.04						
1943 Under estimate	1,510.25		27,476.29	27,476.29		27,476.29	
County T B Hospital Main-							
tenance Tax	9,651.70		9,651.70	9,651.70		9,651.70	
County Dog License Fees paid to		1,918.40	1,918.40	1,918.40		1,918.40	
Federal Withholding Tax Employees							
Wages	37,794.21		37,794.21	33,687.13		33,695.45	4,098.76
Refund				8.32			
U S War Bonds:							
Postwar Rehabilitation							
1943 Balance		75,000.00	75,000.00	7			

1944

Departments & Accounts	Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds & Transfers added to appropriation	Total Receipts or Credit	Expenditures	Transfers to Other Accounts	Total Expenditures or Debit	Balance to Revenue	Overdrawn Accounts	Balance Forwarded to 1945
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Moderator	60.00		60.00	60.00		60.00			
Finance Committee	100.00		100.00	20.00		20.00	80.00		
Selectmen:									
Salaries	2,790.00		2,790.00	2,790.00		2,790.00			
All Others	1,000.00		1,000.00	867.87		867.87	132.13		
Accountant:									
Salaries	3,350.00		3,350.00	3,332.30		3,332.30	17.70		
All Othera	250.00								
From Reserve Fund		100.00	350.00	350.00		350.00			
Treasurer:									
Salaries	3,168.00								
From Hydrant'a Acc't.		200.00	3,368.00	3,368.00		3,368.00			
All Other	800.00								
From Hydrant's Acc't.		100.00	900.00	900.00		900.00			
Tax Collector:									
Salaries	3,850.00		3,850.00	3,850.00		3,850.00			
All Other	1,567.00		1,567.00	1,456.84		1,456.84	110.16		
Assessors:									
Salaries	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,996.80		3,996.80	3.20		
All Other	700.00		700.00	569.71		569.71	130.29		
Town Clerk:									
Salaries	1,860.00		1,860.00	1,860.00		1,860.00			
All Other	500.00								
By Refund		6.90	506.90	480.52		480.52	26.38		
Election & Registration:									
Salaries	450.00		450.00	450.00		450.00			
All Other	4,761.00								
From Reserve Fund		539.75	5,300.75	5,158.73		5,158.73	142.02		
Law:									
Salaries	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00			
All Other	140.00		140.00	76.80		76.80	63.20		
Engineering:									
Salaries	6,372.00		6,372.00	6,371.26		6,371.26	74		
All Other	650.00		650.00	605.38		605.38	44.62		
Town Hall:									
Salaries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,494.17		2,494.17	5.83		
All Other	4,000.00								
By Refund		11.40	4,011.40	3,865.29		3,865.29	146.11		
Planning Board:	100.00		100.00				100.00		
Rationing Board:	764.00								
1943 Balance		435.80							
By Refunds		3.08	1,202.88	541.46		541.46		661.42	
Contributory Retirement System:									
Administration:									
Salaries	675.00		675.00	675.00		675.00			
All Other	250.00		250.00	250.00		250.00			
Totals - General Government	45,857.00	1,396.93	47,253.93	46,590.13		46,590.13	1,002.38	661.42	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:									
Police:									
Salaries	44,837.00		44,837.00	43,898.93		43,898.93	938.07		
All Other	7,192.00		7,192.00	7,175.94		7,175.94	16.06		
Fire:									
Salaries	42,115.00		42,115.00	41,841.07		41,841.07	273.93		
All Other	5,445.00								
By New Fire Alarm System		676.00	5,451.75	5,405.66		5,405.66	46.09		
Hydrants	18,330.00		18,330.00	15,283.12					
To Treasurers' Salary					200.00				
To Treasurers' Expense					100.00	15,583.12	2,746.88		
Forest Fire:									
Salary of Warden	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00			
All Other	500.00		500.00	429.75		429.75	70.25		
Ambulance:	250.00								
From Reserve Fund		115.25	365.25	317.24		317.24	48.01		
Sealer of Weights & Measures:									
Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00			
All Other	400.00		400.00	325.49		325.49	74.51		
Tree Warden:	750.00								
From Fiske St. Sewer		100.00	850.00	848.69		848.69	1.31		
Moth Extermination:	400.00		400.00	398.84		398.84	1.16		
Animal Inspector:									
Salaries	125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00			
All Other	50.00		50.00	49.13		49.13	87		
Building Inspector:									
Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
All Other	100.00		100.00	67.28		67.28	32.72		
Wiring Inspector:									
Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
All Other	100.00		100.00	99.88		99.88	12		
Dog Officer	400.00		400.00	399.00		399.00	1.00		
Game Warden:									
Salary	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00			
Street Lighting	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,395.20		14,395.20	604.80		
Total - Protection Persons	138,194.00	222.00	138,416.00	133,260.22	300.00	133,560.22	4,855.78		
HEALTH & SANITATION:									
Health:									
Salaries	6,815.00		6,815.00	6,815.00		6,815.00			
All Other	10,500.00		10,500.00	7,470.86		7,470.86	3,029.14		
Sewers:									
Salaries	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,538.58		2,538.58	199.19		
All Other	863.00		863.00	925.23		925.23			62.23
Total - Health & Sanitation	20,978.00		20,978.00	17,749.67		17,749.67	3,228.33		62.23
HIGHWAYS:									
Highways - Sts. & Sidewalks:									
Salaries	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,800.00		2,800.00			
All Other	28,500.00								
From Excess and Deficiency		800.00							
From Reserve Fund		2,727.29	32,027.29	29,302.69	1,500.00	30,802.69	1,224.60		
To Rd. Machinery Maintenance									
Road Machinery Maintenance:	5,200.00								
By Refund		7.64							
From Highway		1,500.00	6,707.64	6,705.82		6,705.82	1.82		
Town Dump	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,192.75		1,192.75	7.25		
Rubbish Collection	2,287.00		2,287.00	2,166.90		2,166.90	120.10		
Chapter 90 - Maintenance -									
1943 Contract									
From Highway Aid County & State		443.94	443.94	443.90		443.90	.04		
Chapter 90 - Maintenance -									
1944 Contract	900.00								
From Highway Aid - State & County		1,800.00	2,700.00	2,700.00		2,700.00			
Snow & Ice	3,700.00		3,700.00	3,414.00		3,414.00	286.00		
Total - Highways	44,587.00	7,278.87	51,865.87	48,726.06	1,500.00	50,226.06	1,639.81		
CHARITIES & SOLDIERS' BENEFITS									
Public Welfare:									
Salaries	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,650.00		1,650.00			
All Other	23,500.00								
By Refunds		19.40							
From O.A.A.		800.00	24,319.40	23,563.87		23,563.87	755.53		
Aid to Dependent Children:									
Salaries	440.00		440.00	440.00		440.00			
All Other	6,000.00								
By Refunds		39							

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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE



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1945

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1946

TREASURER -- Norbert C. Benoit 1946

CLERK -- Clare P. Boyer 1947

SELECTMEN

Leo J. Cournoyer

Napoleon J. Blanchard

Wesley K. Cole

PUBLIC WELFARE

Marie Lariviere

1946

Ovide Desrosier

1947

Hermas Lippe

1948

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Marie Lariviere, Chairman

Ovide Desrosier, Clerk

Hermas Lippe

H. H. Michon, Supervisor

ASSESSORS

Joseph Lafleche -- 1946

Charles Normandin -- 1947

Joseph T. Gervais 1948

BOARD OF HEALTH

Ralph Racicot, DDS -- In Service

1946

Ernest Tetreault -- Temporary Appointment

1946

Raymond F. Haling, M. D.

1947

Herve L. Desmarais, DDS

1948

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Alfred Beaulieu -- 1946

Louis C. Dionne -- Deceased

George Lafleche -- 1948

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Oswald Meunier -- 1946

Leopold Lemmelin -- 1947

Arthur Bouthillier -- Deceased

Arthur A. Roy -- 1948

James C. Murphy -- 1948

Leo J. Cournoyer

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Hector M. LeClair -- 1946

John E. Farland -- 1946

Nestor Pontbriand -- 1947

George M. Metras -- 1947

Arthur Gaumond -- 1948

Joseph S. Normandin -- 1948

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Daniel T. Morrill -- 1946

George W. Dumas -- 1947

Wardwell M. Edwards -- 1948

CONSTABLES

Blaise Trudeau

Bernard E. Richard

Arthur L. Murphy

TAX COLLECTOR -- Mederic Duhamel -- 1948

PLANNING BOARD

Raoul A. Bail -- 1946

Arthur B. Laperle -- 1947

J. George Page -- 1948

Mitchell Kurposka -- 1949

Edward Seremet -- 1950

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Pierre Benoit -- Deceased

Leo Allard -- 1947

Bernard Allard -- 1948

PARK COMMISSIONERS

George Silk -- 1946

Norman Leblanc -- 1947

John E. Farland -- 1948 (In Service)

MODERATOR -- Valmore P. Tetreault -- 1946

TREE WARDEN -- Wilbur Wilson -- 1946

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUND

Ernest J. Lavallee -- 1946

Edmund Ryan -- 1947

Ignac Zaczki -- 1948

SOUTHBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Norman LeBlanc -- 1946

Emile J. Martin -- 1947

Francois C. Sansoucy -- 1948

Omer L. Perron -- 1949

Arthur Cabana -- 1950

APPOINTED OFFICERS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT -- Joseph E. Desrosier -- 1948

ASS'T. CLERK SELECTMEN)
SOLDIERS RELIEF AGENT)

Paul H. Benoit

TOWN COUNSEL -- Rosario S. Normandin

TOWN ENGINEER -- Henry A. Racicot

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS -- Channing H. Greene

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK -- John Ferguson

GAME WARDEN -- Alfred Lariviere

POUND KEEPER -- Paul Beauregard -- Deceased

KEEPER OF LOCK-UP -- Ulric Brault
Arthur Nadeau

CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL -- Oliver Proulx

ANIMAL INSPECTOR)
PLUMBING INSPECTOR)
MILK INSPECTOR)

Joseph A. Chagnon

BUILDING INSPECTOR -- Armand DeAngelis

WIRE INSPECTOR -- George L. Despres

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

G. Rudolphe Lariviere

LIBRARY TRUSTEES -- FOR THE TOWN

Dr. Nerio Pioppi -- 1946

Wardwell M. Edwards -- 1947

Oswald J. Laliberte -- 1948

FOR THE FUND

Mrs. Hamilton K. Smith
Arthur Kay

George B. Wells
William W. Crawford

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Joseph L. Berthiaume -- 1946 John J. O'Shaughnessey, Sr. -- 1947
Seaver M. Rice -- 1948 Clare P. Boyer

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT -- Wilbur Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oswald Meunier, Chief
George W. Laughnane, Deputy Chief
James C. Sangren, Supt. of Fire Alarm

FIRE WARDEN -- Oswald Meunier

DEPUTIES

Cyrus Hallquest	Albert Servant	Edmond Bellerose
Romeo Laroche	Joseph Mandeville	
Dan Daniels	Thomas Burke	Romeo Lippe

FENCE VIEWERS

Mitchell Kurposka	Alex Libuda
Albert Petit	Sidney Smith

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas L. Hughes	George A. Alley -- Deceased
Ralph McKinstry	Royce Fitzpatrick
	Ralph Fitzpatrick

FIELD DRIVERS

Ulric Brault	Ovila Martin
Alfred E. Lariviere	

SOLDIERS BURIAL OFFICERS

Joseph Congdon	Ronaldo Guertin
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PUBLIC WEIGHERS

George A. Alley -- Deceased	Thomas Hughes
Basil J. Proulx -- Deceased	Irene Hughes
Raymond McKinstry	Wardwell M. Edwards
Jacob K. Edwards	Ralph McKinstry
Herman Staves	Mafalda Comstock
Elmira G. Patterson	Beatrice Homicz
Royce Fitzpatrick	Loretta Fitzpatrick

ATTENDANCE OFFICER -- Raoul Lataille

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Myron B. Clemence -- 1946	Joseph Ducheneau -- 1946
Joseph V. Flood -- 1946	Omer L. Perron -- 1946
Albert Simonds -- 1946	
Valmore W. Gaulin -- 1947	Allen Richmond -- 1947
Gedeon Gregoire -- 1947	Hector Leclair, Jr. -- 1947
Arthur E. Proulx -- 1947	
Ernest Coderre -- 1948	Peter Graf -- 1948
Anthony Deterando -- 1948	David E. Hobson -- 1948
Oswald Laliberte -- 1948	

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM -- G. Rudolphe Lariviere

DOG OFFICER -- Albert Lamarine

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

W. W. Crawford	Emile J. Martin	Charles Normandin
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SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Kenneth W. Spalding	Joseph E. O'Shaughnessy
Raoul A. Bail	Norbert C. Benoit
Joseph E. Desrosier	

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Emile Martin-Chairman	Leopold Lemmelin
Dr. Raymond Haling	
John G. Clarke -- Deceased	

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

Norman LeBlanc	Lorenzo Beaupre
Joseph Piasta	Emile Martin
Hector Leclair	

JURY LIST 1945-1946

Name-----Occupation	Address
Agard, Charles H. - Hardener	16 Lyons St.
Allard, Ernest G. - Plumber	83 Elm St.
Allard, Roland A. J. - Bus Driver	327 Hamilton St.
Arpin, Armand - Foreman	116 Plimpton St.
Aucoin, Richard - P. O. Clerk	419 Main St.
Bachand, Arthur N. - Machine Operator	39 School St.
Bachand, Edward E. - Carpenter	16 William St.
Beauregard, Alexander - Clerk	401 Main St.
Benson, Arthur J. - Truer	29 Sayles St.
Bertrand, Urban G. - U. S. Army	370 Hamilton St.
Blair, Alfred - Laborer	135 Worcester St.
Blanchette, Omer - Truck Driver	40 Cross St.
Bibeau, Rodolphe A. - Machinist	53 Worcester St.
Blute, Harold - Taxi Driver	564 Main St.
Boiteau, Anthony - Optical Worker	71 Sayles St.
Bombardier, Joseph - Steam Fitter	30 Cohasse St.
Boucher, Edward - Fireman	159 Worcester St.
Boucher, Raymond - Optical Worker	127 Everett St.
Boulanger, Alfred J. - Specmaker	149 Charlton St.
Broudeur, Antonio --Clerk	114 Pine St.
Buckley, John T. - Optical Worker	28 Harding Ct.
Cabana, Arthur - Specmaker	10 Oakes Ave.
Cahill, William J. - Asst. Purch. Agent	19 Summer St.
Caron, Anatole Jr. - Machinist	33 River St.
Carpentier, Noe - Retired	20 High St.
Carpentier, William - Merchant	228 Hamilton St.
Cartier, Joseph Jr. - Assembler	17 Pleasant St.
Chamberland, Theodore - Machine Operator	99 Cross St.
Chapdelaine, Gedeon - Grinder	191 Worcester St.
Ciesla, Anthoni - Contractor	76 Plimpton St.
Clemence, George H. - Foreman	Clemence Hill
Coderre, Henry F. - Merchant	560 South St.

Collette, Viateur - Moulder	117 Cross St.
Costa, Sotir V. - Merchant	9 Curtis St.
Cournoyer, Aldori - Textile Worker	81 Pleasant St.
Cournoyer, H. Norman - Farm Worker	59 Fiske St.
Dauphinais, Adelard - Trucker	199 Charlton St.
Davis, Steven L. - Factory Worker	50 Sturbridge Rd.
Desaulniers, Leo - Machinist	Lebanon Hill
Donais, Armand - Solderer	444 Worcester St.
Dufault, Joseph - Laborer	156 Mechanic St.
Dulmaine, Walter - Retired	88 Pine St.
Dupaul, Leon - Foreman	250 Marcy St.
Duquette, Albert F. - Shipping Clerk	14 Worcester St.
Duquette, George - Grinder	736 Lebanon Hill
Eno, Arthur J. - U. S. Navy	76 Pine St.
Fafard, Wilfred - Back Tender	11 Columbia St.
Farland, Alfred J. - Painter	372 Hamilton St.
Flood, Henry F. - Retired	300 Hamilton St.
Fontaine, Alpha - Truer	Ammidown District
Fontaine, Lucien - Machinist	97 Worcester St.
Galipeau, Eugene - Inspector	.46 Fiske St.
Gamache, George A. - Knife Worker	105 North St.
Gaumont, Armand - Trucker	711 Main St.
Gaudette, Noe J. - Janitor	318 Hamilton St.
Gaumont, Eugel - Retired	16 Gardner St.
Gendron, Albert - Picker	42 Thomas St.
Genereux, Louis W. - Steam Fitter	206 Main St.
Gauthier, Valmore - Foreman	5 Fiske St.
Girard, Wilfred - Janitor	222 Mechanic St.
Gladu, Charles H. - Developer	36 Cohasse St.
Graf, Peter F. - Foreman	38 Golf St.
Grenier, William - Defense Worker	53 Pleasant St.
Hebert, Armand T. - Machine Operator	55 Coombs St.
Hebert, Joseph A. - Laundry Worker	3 Moon St.
Hetu, Louis - Janitor	48 Dresser St.

Hill, Emerson H. - Utility Worker	472 South St.
Holton, Frank B. - Machinist	Lebanon Hill
Julien, Joseph E. - Mail Carrier	73 Newell Ave.
Karle, Cyril - Supervisor	121 Everett St.
Kurposka, Mitchell J. - Toolmaker	65 Crystal St.
Lafleche, Albert - Foreman	161 Mechanic St.
Lafleche, Edmund O. - Grinder	17 Moon St.
LaFrance, Charles - Electrician	38 Pleasant St.
Lajeunesse, Edward - Millhand	21 Wall St.
Laliberte, Oliver - Optical Worker	71 River St.
Lamontagne, Henry - Unemployed	37 River St.
Lamothe, Charles D. - Moulder	23 Chestnut St.
Landry, Victor - Press Worker	800 Worcester St.
Lariviere, Ubald A. - Machinist	161 Mechanic St.
Lataille, Frank - Optical Worker	284 Mechanic St.
Lataille, Joseph C. - Retired	39 Henry St.
LeBlanc, Leon D. - Fixer	364 Hamilton St.
LeBoeuf, Roland - Clerk	27 Chestnut St.
Lemire, Napoleon - Truer	30 Taft St.
Lepage, Adelard - Foreman	122 Litchfield Ave.
Libera, Joseph - Optical Worker	9 Ballard Ct.
Lippe, Clement - Optical Worker	711 Main St.
Loranger, Edward - Defense Worker	127 Pleasant St.
Loranger, Napoleon J. - Innkeeper	18 Pine St.
Lusignan, William - Foreman	392 Worcester St.
Lynch, Charles - Inspector	26 School St.
Maloney, Philip - Bridge Maker	87 Edwards St.
Marand, Napoleon - Polisher	276 Mechanic St.
Mathieu, Isaac - Salesman	50 Coombs St.
Matte, Osa - Dyer	77 Moon St.
Mitchell, Irving - Clerk	47 Oliver St.
Monnette, Moise G. - Store Clerk	50 Coombs St.
Moriarty, Timothy J. - Finisher	150 Pleasant St.
Nichols, Thomas - Press Worker	29 Fiske St.

Normandin, Joseph S. - Truer	14 Dresser St.
Noyes Gordon - Retired	15 Edwards St.
Orsini, Antonio - Cabinet Maker	145 Elm St.
O'Shaughnessy, John J. Sr. - Real Estate Agent	164 Hamilton St.
Paquette, Walter - Janitor	Brickyard Rd.
Paquin, William - Inspector	32 Worcester St.
Patenaude, George J. - Warper	12 Pine St.
Paul, Wilfred - Truck Driver	45 Union St.
Paulhus, Albert - Gate Tender	199 Charlton St.
Peloquin, Felix - Wire Stretcher	27 Coombs St.
Peloquin, Narcisse - Repair Man	62 Green Ave.
Peloquin, Philip - Painter	U. S. Army
Perron, Omer L. - Merchant	215 Marcy St.
Pezzetti, John - Ins. Agent	7 Glover St.
Picard, Alfred A. - Truck Driver	482 Main St.
Pinsonneault, Richard - Inspector	110 Pine St.
Plante, Ernest A. - Bartender	41 Union St.
Plouffe, George E. - Repairer	135 Marcy St.
Pratt, Walter W. - Farmer	873 Woodstock Rd.
Pratt, W. Willis - Farmer	700 Woodstock Rd.
Proulx, Charles F. - Carpenter	81 Wall St.
Proulx, Joseph D. - Cook	46 South St.
Raimondo, Bernard L. - Bus Driver	187 Morris St.
Renaud, George - Machine Operator	149 Mill St.
Renaud, Israel Jr. - Machinist	173 Pine St.
St. Germaine, Joseph - Laborer	120 Sayles St.
St. Martin, Arsene - Printer	23 Chapin St.
St. Pierre, Rodolphe J. - Machinist	10 Rose St.
Sansoucy, Leonard - Bookkeeper	24 North St.
Santo, Dominic - Foreman	462 Elm St.
Silk, George W. - Clerk	723 Main St.
Staves, Arthur - Freight Clerk	37 Franklin Ter.
Stypulkowski, Anthony F. - Mach. Oper.	110 Old Sturbridge Rd.
Talbot, Ernest - Plumber	34 Hamilton St.

Tasciotti, Ralph - Knife Worker	113 Cross St.
Tavernier, Omer J. - Edger	10 Lens St.
Thomas, Gregory - Merchant	84 Dresser St.
Tetreault, Eugene - Clerk	53 Fiske St.
Toomey, John F. - Clerk	30 North St.
Trahan, Ovila - Carpenter	16 Clarke St.
Tsavidis, John - Polisher	33 Crystal St.
Tully, Andrew F. Sr. - Order Clerk	547 Main St.
Varin, Raymond - Foreman	110 Mechanic St.
Whalen, Robert - Warper	62 Mill St.
Willet, Lloyd F. - Ins. Agent	Westwood Pkwy.
Ziu, Thomas - Polisher	46 Morris St.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

We wish to submit our report covering activities for the year 1945.

The Selectmen's Office has had an extremely busy year with the rapid discharge of the Service Men from this area. Many returning veterans have called upon this office for various expired licenses and information.

In June the work of our Ass't. Clerk and Soldiers' Relief Agent increased to the extent that a full time clerk was added to our staff, and the same occurred in November, bringing the total office personnel to three full time employees.

The appointments to fill vacancies in the Recreational Committee were made and progress has been reported in drawing up plans and estimates from that Committee, Town Engineer and Building Inspector relative to the improvement of our Athletic Field on Dresser Street.

A total of 8,950 feet was added to the water lines to supply the Lebanon Hill Road District.

Authorization was given the United States Employment Service for use of the Outer Office in the Selectmen rooms three days a week throughout the year.

Regular Monday night meetings were held weekly. The Board also met with the various committees on numerous occasions.

The scarcity of street lighting equipment having somewhat improved, we authorized six (6) new street lights to be placed where needed.

The appointment of twenty (20) men to the Airport Advisory Committee was made to study further all phases of the Airport before acceptance by the Town.

The Soldiers' Relief Office has taken over many veterans' services. Since June 1945 this office has recorded 829 discharges and has had an equal number of photostatic copies made, which are kept on file for future reference. In coordination with the Rehabilitation Committee, this office has been quite helpful in giving the necessary information needed by servicemen in applying for Veterans Administration and State benefits. The above being extra and above the normally-carried out duties of the Agent for Soldiers' Relief, World War II Allowance Aid, Military Aid and State Aid.

The following licenses were issued during the year:

133 Taxi Drivers Licenses	\$ 133.00
42 Taxi Owners Licenses	42.00
35 Sunday Store Licenses	105.00
4 Lodging House Licenses	4.00
1 Wrestling Permit	5.00
50 Common Victuallers Licenses	150.00
43 One-Day Beer and Wine Licenses	43.00
4 Innholders Licenses	12.00
27 All-Alcoholic Liquor Licenses	10,250.00
22 Wine and Malt Liquor Licenses	33,300.00
10 Miscellaneous License & Permits	<u>10.00</u>
Total Received by above-listed Lic.	14,054.00

Town Hall Rental Receipts	1,314.00
Misc. Receipts amounted to	<u>2,429.26</u>
Total	17,797.26

The Board takes this opportunity to thank all Citizens, Town Departments, Committees and the American Optical Company for furnishing photostats for our servicemen, and all others who have cooperated to the utmost in the promotion of good government.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO J. COURNOYER, Chairman

WESLEY K. COLE, Clerk

NAPOLEON J. BLANCHARD

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration my yearly report ending December 31, 1945.

Complaints made in the First District Court, Total 556, Males 506, Females 50, Juveniles 17.

MISCELLANEOUS

Motor Vehicle Accidents with personal injuries.....	40
Persons injured 46, (Pedestrians 21, Passengers, 25) ..	46
Motor vehicle accidents with property damaged.....	46
Motor vehicle licenses suspended or revoked.....	68
Parking summons served.....	79
Persons reported missing.....	23
Doors or windows found opened or unlocked.....	186
Radio calls sent out.....	880
Motor vehicle reported stolen and recovered.....	6
Lodging given to travelers.....	141

Property in charge of police department

Building & Land estimated.....	\$60,000.00
Equipment estimated.....	5,000.00

In behalf of the police officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board of Selectmen and all Town officials for their consideration during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT

Chief of Police

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Southbridge, Mass.

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1945.

WORK PERFORMED FROM JAN. 1, 1945 to DEC. 31, 1945

Scales Sealed

Platform over 10,000 lbs.	4
Platform 100 to 5,000 lbs.	27
Counter, under 100 lbs.	24
Beam, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	4
Spring, under 100 lbs.	35
Computing under 100 lbs.	55
Person Weigher (slot)	8
Prescription	3

Weights Sealed

Avoirdupois	99
Apothecary	34
Gasoline Meter Systems Sealed	30
Yard Sticks	10

TRIAL WEIGHINGS AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES SOLD OR PUT UP FOR SALE

	Tested
Bread	336
Butter	145
Confectionery	142
Dry Commodities	347
Flour	58
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Pedler's Licenses	17
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The foregoing comprises my annual report for the period ending December 31, 1945, and is herewith submitted as required.

G. R. LARIVIERE

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES

For the Town

Wardwell M. Edwards, Chairman

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi

Oswald J. Laliberte

For the Edwards Bequest

George B. Wells

Gertrude W. Smith

W. Wesley Crawford

Arthur Kay

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1946:

Week days--10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Closed 1946:

January 1--New Year's Day

May 30--Memorial Day

July 4--Independence Day

September 2--Labor Day

November 11--Armistice Day

November 23--Thanksgiving Day

December 25--Christmas Day

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

The year 1945 has been an extremely busy one for the library. Although circulation (books and magazines borrowed for home use) shows an increase of only a little less than 2,000 over last year's increase of over 6,000, the facilities of a limited staff have been used to approximate capacity.

The staff has suffered several changes. Miss Eleanor Shane, librarian for five years, became Mrs. Arthur Hamilton and resigned in November. Mrs. Hamilton's delightfully enthusiastic personality, her professional competence, and her eagerness to give Jacob Edwards Memorial Library patrons the best in library service have left the library and the town of Southbridge with a deep sense of loss. Her efforts, moreover, in raising the standards of library service in Southbridge and her foresightedness in long range planning will not soon be forgotten.

Miss Darthia Bernheim also resigned in June. In October, Mrs. Emma Falt and Miss Gertrude Peloquin joined the staff as full-time assistants. The staff is now down to bed rock with three full-time people, only one of whom is professionally trained. The library profession is still in the grip of man-power shortage, and it is only by offering more remunerative salaries and more desirable working conditions that any library can hope to attract people of ability to insure maximum library service.

The library has not spent its 1945 budget in entirety for several reasons. The paper shortage curtailed greatly the number of books published during 1945. 401 less books were added to the shelves this year than last year. Many library supplies and equipment have been unobtainable. It has been impossible to obtain a trained children's librarian or a reference librarian. These conditions are all temporary, and we can expect, soon, more books to be published than ever before, more and better supplies and equipment to be manufactured, and, we hope, more trained librarians to become available.

It is with regret that a decrease of 1,233 in the circulation of juvenile books is reported. Although this is not an alarming decrease, nevertheless, it reflects the urgent need of a trained children's librarian. This year with a limited staff, it was impossible to visit schools and to give Book Week the attention it received in former years. Now perhaps as never before, children need good books, need to form the "library habit". Southbridge children deserve the best that can be offered in library service. To guarantee this, a trained children's librarian who will cooperate closely with the schools is indispensable.

The trend in adult reading seems to be away from books about the war. Except for a few such books as Ernie Pyle's Brave Men and This Is Your War and Bill Mauldin's Up Front, war books are not in great demand. An increase in circulation of 3,571 books of fiction and a decrease of 216 in non-fiction over last year's figures seem to indicate that adults are doing less serious reading and more reading for pleasure. This is not surprising, since the coming of peace has brought about a certain relaxation from the strain of four war years. Fiction reading, moreover, includes many so-called problem novels, serious novels dealing with social and economic ailments and racial conflicts. These novels have been appearing in abundance and are very popular.

Increasing use of the inter-library loan privilege is noticeable. The collections of foreign books, books in French, Italian,

Polish and Greek which are borrowed from the Division of Public Libraries in Boston are read. 64 specific titles requested by individuals on a variety of subjects ranging from the construction of a cess-pool to D. H. Lawrence were borrowed from the Division and other libraries!

Returning service men and women and other adults with more leisure time to read are already increasing the responsibilities of the library. High school students on rush days when a library assignment is given often occupy every available seat in the reference and reading rooms, sometimes to the annoyance of the townspeople who come in to read newspapers and magazines. The children's room capacity, too, is often taxed to the limit, and our working space is cramped, yet less than one half of the population of Southbridge use the public library. To assure adequate service to all means, first of all, conforming to library standards which demand a budget of \$21,250 as against our 1945 budget of \$15,800. We are hopefully working toward this goal.

The present librarian was appointed to her position when Mrs. Hamilton resigned early in November. The responsibilities involved in the smooth running of a small but very active library like Jacob Edwards Memorial Library are numerous and require the cooperation of the library staff, the board of trustees and the patrons of the library. The librarian appreciates the confidence in her implied by her appointment by the board of trustees and hopes that with the continued cooperation the townspeople have given the library in the past, the standards of library service in Southbridge may measure up to the best in library service in the world.

STATISTICAL RECORD

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of founding	1871
Population served	17,645
Days open during year	305
Hours open each week	66
Number of volumes January 1, 1945	29,100
Number of volumes added	1,298
New 1,207)	Including 322 books by gift and
Replaced 91)	transfer from Rental Collection
Number of volumes discarded	266
Number of volumes December 31, 1945	30,172
Number of registered borrowers (estimate)	6,500
Number of volumes lent for home use	96,657

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Elaine Van Nostrand
Circulation Assistant	Emma W. Falt
General Assistant	Gertrude Peloquin
Janitor	Romualdo Di Bonaventura

PART TIME STAFF

Jean Small	Helen Rowley	Marcia Small
Louise LeClair	Panyota Kraly	Nancy Hakala
Phyllis Horne	Jane Howarth	

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE VAN NOSTRAND
Librarian

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1945 Receipts and Expenditures
1946 Budget Estimate

	<u>Item</u>	<u>1945 Receipts</u>	<u>1945 Expenditures</u>	<u>1946 Budget</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE				
APPROPRIATION		\$10,800.00		
Less Refund to E. & D. a/c		<u>674.75</u>		
		\$10,125.25		
 MYNOTT FUND				
	Bal. Jan. 1, 1945	63.89		
	Receipts 1945	<u>20.00</u>		
		83.89		
	Disbursements	<u>19.72</u>	19.72	
	Bal. Dec. 31, 1945	64.17		
 TRUSTEE FUNDS				
	Bal. Jan. 1, 1945	1231.98		
	Receipts			
	(Edwards Trusts)	4959.11		
	(Bradford Trust)	97.36		
	(Interest Spec. Res.)	<u>96.66</u>		
		6385.11		
	Trans. to Spec. Res.	<u>2000.00</u>		
		4385.11		
	Disbursements	3811.98	3,811.98	
	Operating Balance			
	Dec. 31, 1945	573.13		
 SPECIAL RESERVE				
	Jan. 1, 1945	5000.00		
	1945 Addition	2000.00		
	Dec. 31, 1945	7000.00		
	TOTAL 1945 Receipts	<u>\$13,956.95</u>		

EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL

Acct.

101	Librarian		
102	Assistant or Acting Librarian		
103	Regular Employees		
104	Part-time Employees		
105	Sunday Opening	\$7,149.07	\$8,500.00

BUILDING OPERATION EXPENSES

150	Payroll - Janitor		
151	Payroll - Janitor's Helpers		
301	Fuel		
302	Light		
303	Water		
304	Supplies		
305	Removal of Ashes, etc.		
306	Misc. Expenses	2,741.96	2,835.00

MISCELLANEOUS
OPERATING EXPENSES

401	Telephone, Stationery		
402	and Postage		
403	Desk & Office Supplies		
404	Audit		
405	Survey		
406	Pension		
407	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,383.00	\$ 500.00
351	Building Maintenance	169.21	150.00
352	Grounds Maintenance	52.11	100.00

BOOKS & PERIODICALS

201	Books		
202	Periodicals	2,295.68	2,600.00
250	Book Repairs	150.22	400.00

EQUIPMENT

501	Furniture & Fixtures	15.70	100.00
		<u>\$13,956.95</u>	<u>\$15,185.00</u>

Special Appropriation for Building Repairs & Improvements (A)	1,000.00
	<u>\$16,185.00</u>

A. Special appropriation \$5,000.00 requested by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a period of five years at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year.

Involves Lighting,
Heating & Renovation

In view of existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942, 1943, 1944 or 1945.

Trustees call attention to importance of this special appropriation being made available as soon as conditions warrant.

SUMMARY

	1945 Budget Amount	%	1945 Appropriation Amount	%	1945 Expenditures Amount	%	B A
Normal Basis	10,800.00	68.35	10,800.00	73.00	10,800.00	--	11
Special Fund	1,000.00	6.33	--	--	--	--	1
Cr. to E&D a/c	<u>11,800.00</u>		<u>10,800.00</u>		<u>674.75</u>	<u>72.54</u>	
ee Funds Edwards)	4,000.00	25.32	4,000.00	27.00	3,811.98	27.32	4
ee Funds (Mynott)					<u>19.72</u>	<u>.14</u>	
	<u>15,800.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>14,800.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>13,956.95</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>16</u>

If the amount collected by Library and turned in to Town Treasurer (\$1,169.03) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1945 (\$8,986.47) is 61.55% of the cost for year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1946 of \$4000.00 from trust funds. On this basis the town cost will be only 75.29% of total budget including the special appropriation of \$1000.00, if granted, and 73.66% if that special appropriation is not granted.

APPROVED BY TRUSTEES
THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

W. M. EDWARDS

W. W. CRAWFORD

GERTRUDE W. SMITH

O. J. LALIBERTE

ARTHUR KAY

G. B. WELLS/c

N. W. PIOPPI

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge Massachusetts:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year December 31, 1945.

Taxes:			
Levy of 1943			\$103.82
Payments to Treasurer			<u>\$103.82</u>
Taxes:			
Levy of 1944			
Outstanding January 1, 1945			\$23,455.41
Payments to Treasurer	\$23,452.47		
Tax Title	1.84		
Abated	1.10		<u>\$23,455.41</u>
Taxes:			
Levy of 1945			\$575,473.94
Payments to Treasurer	\$544,646.96		
Abated	5,631.42		
Tax Title	160.37		
Outstanding December 31, 1945	25,035.19		<u>\$575,473.94</u>
Excise Taxes			
Levy of 1944			
Outstanding January 1, 1945			\$115.60
Error in Abatement			<u>.30</u>
			\$115.90
Warrant of January 4, 1945			<u>4.00</u>
			\$119.90
Payments to Treasurer	\$100.55		
Abated	27.90		
Outstanding December 31, 1945	4.00		
Refunds		\$12.55	<u>\$119.90</u>
Excise Taxes			
Levy of 1945			\$11,569.24
Payments to Treasurer	\$11,275.47		
Abated	163.13		
Outstanding December 31, 1945	189.97		
Refunds		\$59.33	<u>\$11,569.24</u>
Sewer Assessments			
Levy of 1944			\$43.57
Payments to Treasurer			<u>\$43.57</u>
Sewer Assessment Interest			
Levy of 1944			
Outstanding January 1, 1945			\$4.60
Payments to Treasurer			<u>\$4.60</u>
Added Interest on Sewer Assessments			.86
Sidewalk Assessments			
Levy of 1944			
Outstanding January 1, 1945			\$24.46
Payments to Treasurer			<u>\$24.46</u>
Sidewalk Assessment Interest			
Levy of 1944			
Outstanding January 1, 1945			\$2.94
Payments to Treasurer			<u>\$2.94</u>

Added Interest on Sidewalk Assessments			\$.28
Apportioned Sewer Assessments			
Levy of 1945			\$85.21
Payments to Treasurer			<u>85.21</u>
Apportioned Sewer Assessments Interest			
Levy of 1945			\$5.84
Payments to Treasurer			<u>5.84</u>
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments			
Levy of 1945			\$76.71
Payments to Treasurer	\$58.92		
Outstanding December 31, 1945	<u>17.79</u>		<u>\$76.71</u>
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Interest			
Levy of 1945			\$4.60
Payments to Treasurer	\$3.54		
Outstanding December 31, 1945	<u>1.06</u>		<u>\$4.60</u>
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments			
Levy of 1945			\$2719.90
Payments to Treasurer	\$1494.04		
Abated	325.53		
To be added to 1946 Taxes	<u>916.33</u>		
Refunds paid by Treasurer		\$16.00	<u>\$2719.90</u>
Warrant against Estate of Deceased			
Exemption under Chapter 59, Sec 5a			\$404.12
Outstanding December 31, 1945			<u>404.12</u>
Interest and costs on Taxes and Assessments			
Levy of 1943			\$14.61
Levy of 1944			535.33
Levy of 1945			<u>208.10</u>
			<u>\$758.04</u>
Grand total collected in the year 1945			\$582,061.57

I wish to thank the citizens of Southbridge and the various Town Officials for their co-operation.

MEDERIC DUHAMEL

Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

Your Planning Board herewith submits their report for the year 1945.

The board has functioned with four members only, as the other member, J. George Page, has been serving in the Navy, and only recently discharged.

During the year there were three petitions presented to the board, for amendments to the Zoning By-Laws and Map.

On Feb. 6th, 1945, a public hearing was held in our office relative to a petition presented to the board by Edmund H. Suprenant, relative to changing from a Two Family Dwelling Zone to a General Business District, a tract of land located at 549-608 Worcester Street, Easterly side, known as Lot #10, formerly owned by Joseph N. Dupaul, and adjoining land of Henry Dupaul. An article was inserted in the warrant for the special town meeting held Dec. 27th, 1945, for action by the voters. The Planning Board recommended postponing this article to the Annual Town Meeting in March 1946, but this was voted down and the article approved by the voters.

On Dec. 10th, 1945, a public hearing was held in our office relative to two petitions presented to the board, namely; one by Raoul Gaulin, relative to changing from a Multiple Dwelling District to a Retail Business District, a tract of land, triangular in shape, at the junction of Elm and Everett Sts., adjoining land of Orise Leduc; the other petition signed by ten citizens of the town relative to changing from a Single Dwelling District to a Retail Business District, a tract of land known as Lot #46, at the corner of Elm Street and Brook Road, also known as the Lebanon Park Development.

Two articles were inserted in the warrant for the special town meeting held Dec. 27th, 1945, for action by the voters. The Planning Board recommended indefinite postponement for the article pertaining to Zoning change at Elm Street and Brook Road, the voters upheld our recommendation. We recommended postponement to the Annual Town Meeting in March 1946, relative to the article pertaining to Zoning change at Elm and Everett Sts., the voters upheld our recommendation.

The Planning Board wishes to explain its stand relative to these Zoning Changes. First, we admit that the Zoning By-Laws and Map might not be 100% right, yet we must realize that same have been and will continue to be of real benefit to the town as time goes on, although you will have those property owners criticize these laws who did not attend the public hearings held previous to the adoption of the By-Laws, where they could have discussed the particular district in which their property was being placed in, and they would have had the co-operation of the Planning Board in office at that time. Secondly, we also admit that changes in the Zoning Laws and Map shall be required from time to time.

We do not think that good planning calls for approving the taking of one lot of land in a residential district and making same a retail business district except in cases of undue hardship to the property owners in the neighborhood. When the majority of the

owners adjacent and near to, the petitioners' land, do not object, we are willing to abide by that decision and make our recommendation accordingly. As the Zoning By-Laws were passed at an Annual Town Meeting we feel that any article pertaining to amendments to the Zoning should be acted upon at Annual Town Meetings only.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. BAIL

Chairman

EDWARD SEREMET, Sec'ty.

ARTHUR LAPERLE

MITCHELL KURPOSKA

J. GEORGE PAGE

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1945, giving names of members of the fire department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, value of properties where loss occurred, dates and locations of fires, also recommendations I deem necessary for the ensuing year.

The balance from last appropriation was \$257.21.

I recommend an appropriation of \$79,344.02.

We responded to 18 bell alarms, and 257 still alarms. Total 275 alarms.

288 Hydrants at \$55.00 each per year \$15,840.00.

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of buildings	\$ 393,100.00
Loss on buildings	22,444.01
Insurance on buildings	2,096,350.00
Insurance paid on buildings	17,019.01
Value of contents	240,700.00
Loss on contents	7,168.27
Insurance on contents	59,880.00
Insurance paid on contents	4,823.27

Inventory of the Fire Department

Two fire stations	\$ 75,000.00
Fire apparatus	38,000.00
Fire Department supplies	9,000.00
Gamewell fire alarm system	7,000.00

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Oswald Meunier

Deputy Chief

George W. Laughnane

Permanent Firemen

George M. Lamothe, Captain Crew #1	Dan Daniels, Captain Crew #2
Romeo Laroche	Archie Langevin
Ernest Collette	Sylvic Carpentier
Ovila Donais	Joseph Duffy
Edward Boucher	Arthur Marand
Emile Caouette	Henry Desourdy
Napoleon Donais	Harry Gendron

Callmen Hose #1

Michael Maloney, Captain	Lionel Peloquin
Hormidas Belanger, Lieut.	Leopold Langlois
Napoleon Fontaine	James Dunn
Clarence Blais	Elzear Dupuis
Raymond Matte	Thomas Mannis
Hermas Lippe	Stewart Casavant

Callmen Aerial #1

Ovide Desrosier, Captain
Eugene Blais, Lieut.
Napoleon Blais
Romeo Lippe
Normand Larochelle

George Lavallee
Arthur Durocher
Louis Ciprari
Raymond Dartt
William Lapoint

Callmen Hose #2

Adelard Lepage, Captain
Eugene Gaumond, Lieut.
Biago Puccelli
Aime Ravenelle
Alexandre Daigle

Armand Gibeault
Roy Proulx
Archie Matte
Rudolph Arpin
George Plouffe

Supt. of Fire Alarm James C. Sandgren

- January 7 - Still alarm at 2.40 p.m. Tenements at 142 Hamilton Street owned by Zenon Martel. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- January 8 - Still alarm at 5.10 p.m. Tenements at 140 Chapin Street owned by Frank Iozzo. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- January 30 - Still alarm at 10.42 a.m. Factory at 54 Eastford Road owned by Hyde Mfg. Co. Caused by spark from emery wheel. Insured.
- February 22 - Box 34 at 7.45 p.m. Poultry house at Eastford Road owned by Romeo Lippe. Caused by overheated stove. Insured.
- February 25 - Still alarm at 12.25 p.m. Tenements and stores at 308 Main Street owned by Costa Brothers. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- March 10 - Box 63 at 3.04 p.m. Tenement at 148 Mill Street owned by Alphege Therrien. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- April 16 - Still alarm at 2.45 p.m. Poultry house at 388 Worcester Street owned by Louis Joseph. Caused by careless smoking. Partly insured.
- April 23 - Still alarm at 10.15 a.m. Tenement at 449 Hamilton Street owned by Therese Richard. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- May 11 - Still alarm at 10.45 a.m. Tenement at 289 Pleasant Street owned by Amedee Bouchard. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- May 24 - Still alarm at 2.45 p.m. Factory at 47 Hartwell Street owned by Sam DiGregoria. Caused by discarded cigarette. Insured.
- May 31 - Still alarm at 3.05 p.m. Store at 171 Elm Street owned by Chicoin Sisters. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.
- June 25 - Box 43 at 12.33 p.m. Oil shed at Sandersdale owned by Southbridge Finishing Company. Caused by spark from motor. Insured.

- June 26 - Box 48 at 9.59 p.m. Poultry house at 241 Charlton Street owned by John Pasay. Caused by oil stove. Insured.
- July 21 - Still alarm at 8.50 p.m. Tenement at old Dudley Road owned by Irene Hughes. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- July 29 - Still alarm at 5.00 a.m. Tenements at 45 Hartwell Street owned by William Boyle. Caused by light fixture. Insured.
- August 8 - Box 424 at 5.55 p.m. Factory at Sandersdale owned by Southbridge Finishing Company. Caused by spark from motor. Insured.
- August 8 - Box 47 at 6.35 p.m. Tenements at 86 Worcester Street owned by Emile Berthiaume. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- August 9 - Box 434 at 3.54 p.m. Barn at Pleasant Street owned by Alfred McKinstry. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Partly insured.
- August 24 - Box 24 at 5.05 p.m. Stores at 6 Mill Street owned by George Laughnane. Caused by electric motor. Insured.
- September 14 - Still alarm at 11.40 a.m. Tenements at 608 Main Street owned by George Delehanty. Caused by melting wax. Insured.
- October 4 - Still alarm at 11.03 a.m. Tenement at Woodstock Road owned by Herman Cheney. Caused by ashes. Insured.
- October 5 - Still alarm at 1.40 p.m. Barn at Rear 374 Main Street owned by Martin Krasowsky. Caused by cigarette. Not insured.
- November 19 - Still alarm at 3.20 p.m. Tenement at 207 Elm Street owned by Oslas Gendron. Caused by overheated stove. Insured.
- December 24 - Box 424 at 12.37 a.m. Tenement at Dudley Road owned by Walenty Szlosek. Caused by overheated stove. Insured.
- December 24 - Still alarm at 4.55 p.m. Tenement & store at 90 Worcester Street owned by Mrs. Edmond Pelletier. Caused by candles in windows. Insured.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Permits

Transport Gasoline	8
High Explosives	4
Range Oil Burners	72
Power Burners	21
Open Air Permits	196
Removal Gasoline Tanks	5
Decorations	17

Inspections

Stores	108
Hotels & Boarding Houses	31
Tenement Houses	1600
Range Oil Burners	72
Power Oil Burners	21
Clubs & Cafes	39

In closing my report for the year, I wish to thank the citizens for their cooperation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the Department.

OSWALD MEUNIER
Chief of the Fire Department

For the Fire Department
Archie Langevin (Clerk)

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 23 alarms for forest fires in 1945.

Last year's appropriation was \$950.00.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$165.96.

I recommend an appropriation of \$750.00 for 1946.

Fire Warden's salary \$200.00.

There were 196 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their cooperation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

INVENTORY OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

One forest pump with 4,800 feet of 1½" hose	\$2,600.00
1400 Feet of 1" hose	524.00
One and one half ton Ford truck	1,285.00
One ton Ford truck	150.00
Seventeen 2½ gallon extinguishers	119.00
Thirteen Indian fire pumps	170.00
Two 2½ gallon hand pumps	30.00
Three ten-quart pails	2.50
Twenty brooms	20.00
Two shovels	2.00

OSWALD MEUNIER
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$350.00 made for this Department.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$16.48.

I recommend an appropriation of \$400.00 for 1946.

In 1945 the Ambulance Department has collected \$815.00.

During the past year, the ambulance made the following trips:

Southbridge	168
Worcester	56
Charlton	12
Sturbridge	10
Fiskdale	8
Boston	5
Fall River	2
Holland	2
Rutland	1
Dudley	1
Grafton	1
Brookfield	1
Dodge	1
Tewksbury	1
Brimfield	1
Thompson	1
Hartford	1
Lawrence	1
Lowell	1
Spencer	1
Mashpaug	1
Monson	1
West Boylston	1
Westfield	1
West Haven	1
Newington	1
Total trips for 1945	281

INVENTORY OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

One Ford ambulance	\$700.00
One spare tire	15.00
One folding stretcher	20.00
One orthopedic stretcher	60.00
One first aid kit	5.00
Eight blankets	32.00
One flame proof blanket	45.00
Nine sheets	6.00
Four pillow cases	2.00
One pillow	1.50

OSWALD MEUNIER
Chief of the Fire Department

REPORT OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Four thousand nine hundred copies of the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee's recently completed report, "A Capital Outlay Program 1946-51" have been mailed in an effort to reach each family unit in town.

Although those not familiar with this sort of planning find it hard to understand the detail of the statistical tables, we feel we are getting excellent response from the citizens in the interest they are displaying in the effort made to show ways and means to improve our highways, sewers, recreational facilities, and other public properties in a manner which will, as far as possible, be of the maximum benefit to the Town as a whole.

Considerable interest has been shown, also, in the amount of detail work involved in the creation of such a plan.

If the citizens vote to continue this work in future years, and as they become more familiar with it, the results obtained will be more apparent.

It appears to offer the most likely means of attaining necessary improvements and the proper maintenance of existing buildings and public works without violent fluctuations in the tax rate which always disturb not only commercial and industrial stability, but also tend to keep all home owners in an uncertain frame of mind.

The maintenance of a reasonable and stable tax rate will undoubtedly encourage much needed residential construction, particularly when those who are anxious to own homes find the public works in their community are proceeding in an orderly fashion, and they experience the benefits from actual improvements as they are completed.

SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

KENNETH W. SPALDING, Chairman

JOSEPH E. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Secretary

RALPH A. BAIL

NORBERT C. BENOIT

JOSEPH A. DESROSIERS

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

Following is a report of the Park Commission for the year ending December 31, 1945:

Maintenance of the Dresser St. Playground	\$275.25
Maintenance of the Legion Plots	175.00
Painting of two flagpoles on Legion Plots	21.35
Re-sodding of plot at the Washington Monument in front of the post office	22.00
Drinking water at bubbler at Dresser St. Playground ..	6.00
Total	\$499.60

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN LEBLANC

GEORGE SILK

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

March eighth, the Board of Health met and organized as follows: Dr. Herve L. Desmarais, Chairman; Mr. Ernest Tetreault; clerk; and Dr. Raymond F. Haling, the third member.

Twelve regular and four special meetings were held during the past year.

In order to estimate our 1946 budget, it was necessary to advertise in December for bids for the collection of garbage, as the previous contract for a period of three years expires April 1, 1946.

Several complaints were registered with this department, as each year certain landlords fail to keep their premises in a clean and orderly fashion. This creates an unsightly and often unsanitary condition. All notices have been honored by an investigation, and recommendations sent to the party concerned. Some have cooperated, however, others seem to assume that they have the privilege to infringe on the rights of others, regardless of the consequence. An individual is concerned with his immediate environment, but the Board of Health has to contend with the Town as a whole, so that the work becomes a constant repetition without any appreciable progress. Our nuisances would be automatically eliminated, if each person respected the rights of others.

One of our civic minded clubs appointed a committee to meet with the Board of Health to discuss the unsanitary condition that existed in several areas close to the center of the Town. The Board requested the services of Mr. Theodore Shepardson, the district sanitary officer from the State Department of Public Health, to assist in making a survey. Six areas were inspected and a report of the conditions prepared for a discussion at the next Board of Health meeting. At that time the wiring inspector, the fire chief, the landlord of an inspected area, as well as the club committee were present. Plans were formulated to abate these nuisances as soon as the proper legal authority is made available, by the adoption of provisions of Chapter 145; General Laws, relating to tenement houses in Town.

The Board recommends the appropriation of funds for environmental sanitation, such as the control of rodents and roaches. This program is also a pre-requisite in our endeavor to establish clean and sanitary handling of food in all eating places.

During the war emergency, the Board of Health have had an extra amount of work especially in the food department, taking up more than a rightful share of time and effort, thereby postponing the adoption of new regulations. Inspection of food has given our inspector ten times more work than in peacetime years.

During the past five years, eight cases of undulant fever have been reported, with the source of disease traced to consumption of raw milk. Since pasteurization is not compulsory in our community, we feel that this disease might be eliminated entirely, if our milk supply was pasteurized. The following quotation from the text book, The Quality Control of Market Milk, "The most powerful single instrument that milk sanitation possesses today is efficient pasteurization of milk. It is unquestionably our greatest safeguard and preventative against transmission of communicable diseases from ordinary raw milk. From a public health standpoint there can be only one grade of milk. It's either safe or unsafe, and a mere numbers of bacteria do not determine safety".

Medical science is constantly experimenting and discovering new methods of prevention and cure of diseases, which a conscientious Board of Health would be lax in their duties, if ignored.

The Board of Health is also considering to amend and revise the Health rules and regulations, with emphasis on pollution of streams, nuisances, also keeping poultry and animals in residential districts.

With the approval of the Board, our inspector has revised the plumbing rules and regulations, to comply with the increased demand of various new appliances.

In conclusion the members of the Board of Health are pleased to state that every effort is made to fulfill their obligation to the community in promoting health and sanitation. We wish to thank all who have co-operated with our appointed officers.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. HERVE L. DESMARAIS, Chairman

MR. ERNEST TETREAUULT, Clerk

DR. RAYMOND F. HALING

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Podiatrist for the year ending December 31, 1945.

In the combined parochial schools of Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart a total of eleven hundred and five children were examined. Of this number, one hundred and fifty-eight or fourteen percent were found to have defective feet. Many others while not listed as defective were found to be wearing ill-fitted or outgrown footgear and were given a notice to bring to their parents.

At this point I wish to express my concern over the growing popularity of the type of footgear called "loafers". This shoe, if used as a rest or comfort slipper as it was designed to be used, is excellent, but it should not replace the sturdy oxford which is the foot covering of choice for the growing active child.

Another factor which has brought about many of the conditions found, is the rationing of shoes. Many pupils were wearing shoes that had been soled and resoled, and which they in many instances had outgrown. It is to be hoped that, with rationing ended, parents will again be able to keep their children well shod.

Perhaps the greatest laxity was found in the cutting of children's nails. Many were very long or had been torn off by the child, others had been cut rounding into the corners. Very few had properly cared for nails. Parents should note that injudicious cutting of the toe nails may lead to ingrowing nails, and unless deformed, the nail should invariably be cut square across.

Herewith is submitted a tabulation of the various conditions found to exist and the number of cases of each:

Deformed forefoot	1
Knock knees	4
Flatfoot acquired	16
Flatfoot congenital	3
Weekfoot or 2nd. degree flatfoot	24
Strained foot	1
Pronated foot	14
Muscular dystrophy	1
Pes Cavus	4
Clawfoot	2
Metatarsus varus	1
Depressed Metatarsal Arch	7
Hallux valgus	4
Hallus rigidus	1
Tailor's Bunion	2
Hammer toes	1
Retracted toes	15
Overlapping toes	2
Underlapping toes	2
Supernumerary toes	1
Toes rigidly flexed	1
Helomata dura (corns)	28
Tylomata (callouses)	3
Hyperhidrosis	3
Fungous infections	5
Verrucae	7
Acute infectious dermatitis	1
Impetigo	2
Leucoderma	1

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to you for enabling me to carry on my work in the schools. I wish also to thank the Board of Health Nurse for her invaluable assistance and the Sisters at the schools for their kind cooperation. Needless to say, the parents have shown their gratification and appreciation, as they fully realize the benefits derived from an annual foot check-up, thus avoiding serious foot disabilities in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. DEJORDY D.S.C.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Board of Health
Town of Southbridge, Mass.

The following is the report of examination of the parochial schools for the year 1945:

Notre-Dame School

Total children examined	474
Defects requiring notices	153
Teeth	144
Throat	76
Skin	10
Ear Cerumen	10
Spine	1
Tonsils removed	7
Heart	5
Eye Squint	4
Glasses	7

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School

Total children examined	322
Defects requiring notices	114
Teeth	108
Throat	39
Ears	8
Ear Cerumen	6
Tonsils	13
Tonsils removed	10
Heart	4
Skin	17
Eyes	1
Nose	2
Glasses	8
Scalp	2
Glands (cervical)	1

St. Mary's School

Total children examined	173
Defects requiring notices	66
Teeth	67
Tonsils	15
Tonsils removed	4
Acne	3
Scalp	4
Glasses	2
Throat	14
Heart	3
Ear	3
Ear Cerumen	3
Cerumen	1
Skin	1
Skin lesions in back of neck	1
Posture	1

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M. D.

Parochial School Physician

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health, I hereby submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office during the past year.

Chicken Pox	24	Scarlet Fever	40
Dog Bite	21	Suppurative Conjunctivitis	1
Epidermic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	2	Pulmonary Tuberculosis....	5
German Measles	21	Undulant Fever	2
Lobar Pneumonia	7	Whooping Cough	47
Mumps	25		
TOTAL		195	

List of deaths in Town for which this office has issued permits for burial.

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Arteriosclerosis	24	Coronary Occlusion	7
Auricular Fibrillation	2	Coronary Sclerosis	2
Bacteriemia	1	Coronary Thrombosis	11
Cardiac Decompensation	1	Diathesis Hemorrhagic	1
Chronic Myocarditis	5	Myocardial Failure	1
Congenital Heart Disease	1	Rheumatic Heart	2
Coronary Heart	5	Rheumatic Pericarditis ...	1

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Basilar Cerebral Hemorrhage ..	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage	13
Cerebral Apoplexy	3	Cerebral Thrombosis	4
Cerebral Edema	1	Peritonitis Ileum	1
Cerebral Embolus	2		

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Acute Miliary Tuberculosis ...	1	Pulmonary Embolism	2
Broncho Pneumonia	7	Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	1
Lobar Pneumonia	2	Virus Pneumonia	1
Pulmonary Atelectasis	1		

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Cancer of Intestines	1	Colitis	1
Carcinoma of Esophagus	3	Diabetes Mellitus	4
Carcinoma of Liver	1	Intestinal Obstruction ...	3
Carcinoma of Sigmoid	1	Paralytic Ileus	1
Carcinoma of Stomach	1	Perforated Appendicitis ..	1
Cholecystitis	1	Rupture of Spleen	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	Uremia	2

DISEASES OF THE GENITOURINARY SYSTEM

Chronic Nephritis	3	Carcinoma of Breast	4
Cancer of Ovary, Uterus and Pelvis	1	Carcinoma of Prostate	1

ALL OTHER DISEASES

Brain Tumor	1	Epilepsy	1
Cancer Scalp	1	Intra Uterine Asphyxia ...	1
Cancer Uterus	1	Prematurity	5
Cardio-Renal Vascular Disease	3	Stillborn	9
Craniorrhachischisis	1		

ACCIDENTAL

Accidental 2nd Degree Burns (Face, Arms and Back of Neck) ...	1
Asphyxia	2
Gunshot Wounds of Face (Suicide)	1

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

Agent, Board of Health

REPORT OF THE FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Food and drink establishments showed a very marked improvement in sanitation this year. Some have made more or less extensive repairs and remodelings in their places of business, with added facilities for food handling and serving; and others are planning larger quarters as soon as materials and equipment become available.

However, as soon as affairs in general quiet down and return to normal, we should seriously contemplate inaugurating a series of instructions for the management and personnel of all food and drink establishments.

These instructions are illustrated with sound films and consist of four lectures on the subjects of bacteria and food contamination, cleaning, storing and handling of dishes and equipment, the buying, storing, cooking and serving of all foods and drink, and lastly, but not least, personal cleanliness and environmental sanitation.

These lectures and sound films are made available by the State Public Health Department as well as by various public health organizations throughout the country. They have been tried successfully in all large cities and in a surprisingly large number of smaller communities, especially so in communities adjacent to army and navy camps during the war.

We are positive in asserting that these lectures would prove an immense benefit to the management and personnel as well as to the patrons of these establishments.

During the year, we have visited the following places of business:

Groceries and Markets	76	Inspections
Restaurant and Lunch Rooms	65	"
Soda Fountains and Lunch Bars	19	"
Hotel, Cafes, Bars (Liquor)	94	"
Dairies and Milk Plants	86	"
Ice Cream Plants	6	"
Bakeries	13	"
Soft Drink Bottling Works	2	"
Total Number of Inspections	361	"

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Food Inspector

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1945.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

Chest clinics have been conducted by specialist from Rutland State Sanatorium on the third Wednesday of every month, with the exception of August. Patients were referred by written request from physicians, boards of health, welfare departments and supervisors of child guardianship. Each person was examined and x-rayed, the findings and recommendations sent to their own physician. One hundred and seventy-eight patients were examined, representing eleven towns and twenty-one physicians.

As a prophylactic agent, chest clinics are of value. They guard the health of contacts, preventing development of active disease, they prevent relapse in quiescent and arrested cases; and by promoting early diagnosis they check the spread of the disease in the community.

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

In order to revise our schedule it was necessary to omit the Toxoid Clinics for the prevention of diphtheria. Heretofore, these clinics were held shortly after school opened in the Fall. In the future, we plan to immunize pre-school and school age (6 months to 6 years) children in the Spring. This change of order will give us more time for the physical examination and the follow-up work.

DENTAL CLINIC

The services of the dental clinic were available to the school children in the first four grades, from October 1st. to June 1st. Although our program is limited to cleaning teeth, filling six year molars and extracting deciduous teeth, whenever necessary, we feel that we have contributed considerably in the prevention and correction of dental defects.

Since teeth defects predominate in the pre-school child, the State Department of Health arranged conferences in co-operation with the local Boards of Health, and Visiting Nurse Associations, to educate the parents to the need for examination and correction of these defects. Also to dispel the mistaken idea that the child who has advanced through infancy, but has not reached school age is all right and needs no care. Yet figures show that ninety-five to ninety-eight percent of all children in Massachusetts entering school have teeth defects.

Number of Children who reported to clinic ...	565
Number of extractions	39
Number of fillings	179
Number of cleanings	492
Number entitled to certificates	313

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

Preceding the pre-school clinic in June, one hundred and ninety-eight children were registered to enter school in the Fall. At this time, the parents had an opportunity to discuss any social or behavior problem that might handicap their children in their school work. Also to ascertain their correct weight and to receive recommendations concerning same.

One hundred and forty-two children were examined at the pre-school clinic. The physical fitness of each child is the first aim of the clinic, in order to make it possible for them to enter school free from remedial defects. The defects found are listed as follows: seventy dental caries in temporary teeth, forty-one abnormal tonsils, three enlarged adenoids, three heart conditions, nine enlarged cervical glands, six ear conditions, one eye squint, one ptosis of eye lid, two poor postures, eleven underweight, one recommended for x-ray of chest. Fifty-eight received dental certificates, signifying that their teeth were in good condition.

Nine hundred and seventy-nine pupils in the elementary grades were examined by the school physician, assisted by the nurse. At this time, the doctor has an opportunity to discuss with the pupil, his posture and health habits. Parents are notified of defects and advised to have the same corrected as soon as possible. A steady gain in height and weight indicates normal growth.

Dr. Robert W. DeJordy, a podiatrist, examined the parochial school pupils to ascertain defects of the feet which might unfavorably influence the child's health.

During the month of May, the State Department of Public Health, in co-operation with the Southern Worcester Health Association, sponsored x-ray and skin test clinics. All public and parochial high school pupils were invited to attend. Approximately half of the public high school students and two-thirds of the parochial high school students reported. Positive skin reactors were x-rayed and fortunately all proved negative.

Funds donated by the Lions Club provided forty-six children with a mid-morning milk lunch, also glasses for school children. The children and teachers wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation.

Four girls, three contacts to tuberculosis, and one underweight spent eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp this summer. During that time they lived according to a carefully planned schedule, so that they could have eleven hours of unbroken rest. Each gained weight. The camp is maintained by the sale of Christmas seals, and funds from this same source were also used to supply x-ray films for high school clinics and provided the service of a nurse for the tuberculosis consultation clinics.

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health were quarantined and placarded according to local requirements. Visits were made to each case and instructions given to prevent the spread of the disease.

At this time, I wish to thank the members of the Nurses' Aide Corps for services rendered in the clinics, also any other organization or individual who assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health
Gentlemen;

As in 1944, plumbing installations this year were for the repair and maintenance of properties. Practically all materials and supplies have been released for civilian use, but some items, such as four inch soil pipe and fittings are scarce and almost unobtainable. Brass and copper goods are coming back into manufacture as well as chromium plating for faucets and trim.

We sincerely hope materials and supplies will be available in sufficient quantity when the building season starts in earnest this Spring.

We submit herewith a summary of the work accomplished this year as follows:

Unfinished Jobs on January 1, 1945	23	
Number of Permits Granted	112	
Number of Inspections made	186	
Number of Water Tests	14	
Unfinished Jobs on December 31, 1945	9	
<u>NUMBER OF FIXTURES INSTALLED</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>OLD</u>
Water Closets	42	21
Lavatories	22	16
Bath Tubs	5	9
Kitchen Sinks	12	8
Sink and Tray Combinations	2	3
Water Heaters and Stove Coils	44	5
Hot Water Tanks	70	4
Urinals	4	0
Shower Pans	3	0
Laundry Trays	4	3
Soda Fountains	0	1
Total New Fixtures Installed	208	
Total Used Fixtures Installed		70
Water Piping Jobs	37	
Sewer Connections	9	

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The supply of dressed meats from the local slaughter-houses has not kept pace with the demand during the war months of this year, although the total meat products turned out were almost one hundred per cent more than in 1944, and over one thousand per cent more than in the first war year of 1942.

During the last four months of this year, the number of heads slaughtered were approximately fifty per cent less than the preceding war months, but we are still doing business at the rate of five hundred per cent more than in 1942. That is to say, one month's output, at the present time, equals almost six months' products compared to 1942.

From January first to December thirty-first, we inspected and passed for food the following:

Carcasses of Beef	1168
Carcasses of Veal	758
Carcasses of Hogs	501
Carcasses of Sheep	39
Carcasses of Goats (for private use)	4
Total number of carcasses inspected	2470
Total number of inspection trips or calls .	710
Total number of hours inspecting livestock and dressed meats	1853

In the course of our work, we have condemned for food, destroyed or otherwise disposed of, the following parts or carcasses:

BEEF

Hinds, fores, loins, flanks, rumps, sides, etc. ..	617 lbs.
Reason: Bruises.	
Kidneys - Reason: Infectious Degeneration	22 lbs.
Three Heads - Reason: Actinomyces	113 lbs.
One Head - Reason: Tumors and Abscesses	65 lbs.
Tongue and Head Meat - Reason: Glandular Infection	14 lbs.
Twenty-nine livers - Reason: Tumors and Abscesses	389 lbs.

VEAL

One liver - Reason: Tumorous	4 lbs.
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HOGS

Perforated Lungs (Broken Ribs)	3 lbs.
Four Livers - Reason: Tumors and Abscesses	17 lbs.
Five Livers - Reason: Parasitic Infection	21 lbs.
Total Meats Products condemned for food	1948 lbs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Again this year, no request has been made by the state or the federal authorities as to the number of cattle, hogs, sheep or goats quartered within the town limits.

Livestock fodder is now somewhat more plentiful, but the mixed grains are poorer in quality although retail prices continue in the higher brackets. Early in the year, hay rose to \$55.00 per ton, but is now less than half this price as the Fall crop was abundant.

Dairy cattle sell for approximately \$300.00 per head, which, together with the high price of grains and the comparatively low price of wholesale milk is not a very good inducement for farmers to increase their herds and their production of fluid milk. On the other hand, a much larger number than usual of beef cattle was imported this year for slaughtering purposes, especially from the western states.

The state authorities, as usual, carried on tuberculin tests of cattle, but no reactors were discovered in this vicinity to our knowledge. No barns or stables had to be disinfected for any reason, and all animals appeared to be in good health with the exception of those listed below.

We performed the following duties during 1945, as follows:

Barns and stables inspected	47
Heads of cattle imported from other states and inspected as to T. B. ear tags and Bang's disease certificates	58
Heads of cattle imported from other states for slaughtering purposes	391
Heads of cattle quarantined for Mastitis and Bang's disease	41
Dog bites investigated and dogs quarantined for 14 days	21
Total number of animals inspected	1017
Barns and stables cleaned and disinfected ...	0
Number of heads shipped to Wassermann Labora- tory to be examined for rabies	0

We wish to thank all those concerned for the prompt cooperation which enabled us to expedite our duties in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILK

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The regular seasonal drop in milk production this Fall has been more noticeable than usual, due to the reduced number of dairy farms and heads of cattle which supply our daily milk.

Dairy-cattle feed is still in the higher price brackets and not too good in quality. Mixed-breed dairy cows sell for around three hundred dollars per head, all of which, added to the scarcity of farm labor and the wholesale prices of milk paid to farmers, is scarcely an encouraging inducement to higher production.

This situation was somewhat alleviated by the cessation of hostilities and consequent reduction in foreign requirements, but it will be quite some time before we can count on a plentiful supply of all kinds of dairy products.

Again this year, we have not conducted as many analyses and tests of milk and cream as we would have wished, due to other important and pressing duties. However, this work was sufficient to assure our citizens a consistently good supply of pure milk.

The demand for raw milk is constantly dwindling in this town as well as in other communities, and approximately eighty per cent of our milk supply is pasteurized.

We have performed the following tests and analyses from samples taken at the milk plants and at the dairy farms at milking time. Most of this work was accomplished last Spring and early Summer.

Butter-Fat Tests (Composite Samples)	93
Butter-Fat Tests (Individual Cows)	52
Solids Test	136
Phosphatase Tests (Pasteurization)	18
Analyses for Mastitis (Composite)	69
Analyses for Mastitis (Individual Cows)	49
Microscopic Examination	210
Standard Plate Counts	0
Number of Samples Collected	213
Number of Cows disposed of for Mastitis	44
Number of Cows disposed of for Bang's disease .	14
Visits to Dairy Farms and Milk Plants	86

We have also granted the following licenses:

Pasteurizing Plants	4
Ice Cream Plants	2
Milk and Cream, Stores, Restaurants, etc.	77
Milk and Cream, Dealers (Vehicles)	28
Oleomargarine	36

Dairy supplies and equipment are now somewhat more plentiful although some items are yet unavailable, or practically so. We hope these will soon be as easily and promptly obtained as they formerly were, and that all domestic, as well as foreign affairs will be so stabilized as to provide us with a plentiful and varied amount of dairy products sufficient to everyone's needs and enjoyment.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Milk

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

We hereby submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Applications for General Relief during the year were due to illness, desertion, and supplementing earnings. No application made on account of cessation of employment. An average of 109 persons were aided per month. The following statistics show the monthly General Relief case load.

	<u>CASES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>	<u># CASES</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>
January	8	37	45	112
February	6	44	50	96
March	9	44	53	116
April	8	45	53	132
May	8	39	47	110
June	8	39	47	111
July	7	39	46	99
August	10	40	50	116
September	8	40	48	94
October	8	41	49	112
November	7	44	51	106
December	7	45	52	110

The Aid to Dependent Children, as other relief category, is based on need. This program is under the supervision of the State Department of Public Welfare from which yearly reimbursement is received by the Town, thus reducing the local cost. Thirty-eight children aided in 1945.

The Child Welfare Service, serving the Towns of Sturbridge, Charlton, and Southbridge is still under the able supervision of Mrs. Edith R. Cushing.

Sixteen persons were cared for at the local Infirmary during 1945.

The Department of Public Welfare suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Paul Beauregard, Warden of the Infirmary, who died October 2, 1945, after serving the Town very faithfully for several years.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Chairman

OVIDE DESROSIER, Clerk

HERMAS LIPPE, 3rd Member

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

Board of Public Welfare

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

During the year 1945, the Bureau of Old Age Assistance aided 195 cases. The following tabulation shows monthly details.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Cases Added</u>	<u>Cases Closed</u>	<u>Cases Rejected</u>	<u>Cases Aided</u>
January	3	5	0	151
February	5	1	2	155
March	1	3	1	154
April	3	3	1	154
May	5	0	0	158
June	7	3	0	162
July	5	0	1	167
August	2	3	2	166
September	6	5	0	166
October	2	2	5	167
November	7	5	0	171
December	5	3	4	173
Totals	51	33	16	

Reason for Closing Cases

Deceased	20
To another City or Town	6
Insurance in excess	1
Withdrew application	1
To Local Infirmary	1
To Pondville Hospital	2
Became self-supporting	2

Due to the legislative changes liberalizing the Old Age Assistance laws in general and providing a higher exemption for the children of the Old Age recipients, the number of cases and our payrolls have increased considerably.

Board of Public Welfare

MARIE E. LARIVIERE

OVIDE DESROSIER, Clerk

HERMAS LIPPE

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 1945. All appropriations voted since 1944. Tax Rate was fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town Clerk to be raised by taxation	\$736,490.38	
Total appropriation voted to be taken from available funds. In 1944 since 1944 tax rate was fixed	<u>115,074.45</u>	\$815,564.83

STATE: Tax and Assessments	1944 Estimated	
State Tax	\$17,000.00	
State Parks and Reservations.	652.00	
State Audit of Municipal Account	499.20	
State Examination of Retirement System	<u>271.70</u>	
	\$18,422.90	\$ 18,422.90

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments		
County Tax	\$28,623.21	
Tuberculosis hospital Assessment	<u>14,258.53</u>	\$ 42,881.74
	\$42,881.74	

OVERLAY of current year	\$ 14,994.97
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	<u>\$927,864.44</u>

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	
Estimated receipts for the year 1945	\$237,539.98

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS:
Amounts and date of approval by Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

\$ 86,514.88 - March 28, 1945	
19,384.10 - June 12, 1944	
<u>9,175.47 - February 7, 1945</u>	
\$115,074.45	\$115,074.45

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	<u>\$352,614.43</u>
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$575,250.01
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Number of Polls 6,564 at \$2.00	TAX	
Each	\$13,128.00	
Total Valuation:		
Personal Property		
\$ 2,215,455.00	88,175.11	
Real Estate:		
\$11,908,340.00	473,951.93	
Loss on account of fractional divisions of Tax Rate	-5.03	
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TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY		\$575,250.01
ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO THE DE- TERMINATION OF THE TAX RATE		
Betterment and special Assess- ments added to Taxes:		
Sewer Assessments, Apportioned and interest	91.05	
Sidewalk Assessments, Appor- tioned and interest	70.49	
Sewer Assessments, Unapportioned	3,719.90	
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TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS		3,881.44
TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON POLLS AND PROPERTY AND AS- SESSMENTS COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR TO DATE OF FIXING TAX RATE		
		579,131.45
ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:		
May 18th. 1945		
Polls 87 @ \$2.00	174.00	
Warrant to Collector, May 18, 1945		174.00
Sept. 4th. 1945		
Polls 16 @ \$2.00	32.00	
Warrant to Collector, Sept. 4th, 1945		32.00
December 27th. 1945		
Polls 2 @ \$2.00	4.00	
Warrant to Collector, December 27th, 1945		4.00
December 10th. 1945		
Tax on Personal Property	13.93	
Warrant to Collector December 10th. 1945		13.93
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE ...	\$14,123,795.00	
TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON POLLS, PERSONAL, REAL ESTATE AND SEWER AND SIDEWALK AS- SESSMENTS FOR 1945		
		\$579,355.38

VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR		
1945	\$	367,130.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1945		11,569.24
Warrant to Collector for 1945	\$	11,569.24
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION FOR		
1945	\$	14,490,925.00
TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR FOR		
1945	\$	590,924.62

VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and		
Hospital	\$	1,768,510.00
Town Property		1,719,605.00
U. S. Post Office Property		98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project		130,250.00
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	\$	3,716,365.00

Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 3506

JOSEPH T. GERVAIS

JOSEPH LAFLECHE

CHARLES NORMANDIN

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For the year ending December 31, 1945

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1945	\$ 417,097.23	
Receipts for 1945	<u>1,235,246.26</u>	
1945 Disbursements		<u>\$1,652,343.49</u> <u>1,303,683.04</u>
Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1945		\$ 348,660.45

FUNDED DEBT

<u>Due 1946</u>	<u>Denominated</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Amount of Loan</u>	<u>Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945</u>
\$ 9,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$ 71,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	52,000.00
15,000.00	Airport Loan	1944	75,000.00	<u>60,000.00</u>
			Total	<u>\$183,000.00</u>

TEMPORARY LOAN

\$100,000.00 - Anticipation of Revenue Loan - Due May 1, 1946

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

CEMETERY FUND

<u>Depository</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 1945</u>	<u>Int. 1945</u>
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	35.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	60.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	37.12
Millbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	32.69
Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	57.50
Natick 5-Cent Savings	2,500.00	50.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	4,934.25	91.06
Salem 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	45.00
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	75.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	45.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings	1,714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	45.00
Worcester Co-op. Fed. Savings	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Merchant's Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Mattapan Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op	2,000.00	60.00

Merrimack Co-op	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 52.50
Suffolk Co-op	4,000.00	90.00
Minot Co-op	2,000.00	55.00
Lincoln Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
	<u>\$74,077.45</u>	<u>\$1,710.15</u>

Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1945	\$73,727.45
Added to Fund, 1945	350.00
	<u>\$74,077.45</u>

Cemetery Fund - December 31, 1945	\$74,077.45
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Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS

<u>Depository</u>	<u>Balance Jan. 1, 1945</u>	<u>Int. 1945</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 1945</u>
<u>MARY MYNOTT FUND</u>			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$1,000.00

BOYER FUND

Southbridge Savings Bank	\$ 383.37	\$ 3.89	\$ 393.26
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JESSE J. ANGELL FUND

Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,295.77	\$12.95	\$1,308.72
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ELLA M. COLE FUND

Attleboro Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	15.00	\$1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	25.00	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	1,000.00	17.50	1,000.00

HANNAH M. EDWARDS FUND

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	\$5,000.00	90.00	\$5,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Following is the Building report for the year ending December 31, 1945. Industrial expansion declined appreciately during 1945, but private construction increased although not to an extent that will be realized when building materials will be available at a nominal cost.

Following is the description of permits granted during the past year:

	No. of Permits	Add. Families Accommodated	Cost
Single Family units	13	13	\$65,000.00
2 Family units	1	2	8,500.00
Industrial additions	5		20,500.00
Addition to business Bldgs.	5		16,700.00
Private addition and alterations .	13	6	15,350.00
Poultry Building	3		10,500.00
Private Garages	8		3,600.00
Miscellaneous	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	<u>700.00</u>
Total	51	21	\$140,850.00

Respectfully yours,

ARMAND DEANGELIS

Building Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1945:

Wiring Department

Permits issued for new work	49
Permits issued for addition to old work	478
Inspection while work is in progress	400
Recommendations to alter wiring	20
Temporary Permits	7

I wish to thank Mr. Paul Benoit and the Electric Light Company for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. DESPRES

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Highway Commissioners wish to submit the following report of expenditures of the department for the year ended December 31, 1945.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Salaries of the Highway Commissioners ...	\$	450.00	
Salary of Street Superintendent		2,200.00	\$ 2,650.00

HIGHWAY'S ACCOUNT

Labor	\$15,213.69	
Transferred to Machinery Maintenance	2,900.00	
Transferred to New Machinery Account	2,232.46	
Telephone	150.38	
Fuel	154.73	
Office Supplies	31.93	
Lights	71.13	
Lumber and Supplies	602.27	
Asphalt	3,898.02	
Bituminous Concrete	813.16	
Gravel	410.95	
Sand	68.20	
Oxygen and Acetylene	25.04	
Tools Sharpened and Repaired	33.05	
Truck Hire	223.50	
Range Oil	76.95	
Water	15.19	
Concrete Pipe	256.68	
Rental of Gasoline Shovel	733.00	
Trap Rock	142.47	
Sledge Hammers	36.12	
Brick	71.92	
Rental of Trans-Mixer	116.00	
Catch Basins	142.50	
First Aid Supplies	77.97	
Rental of Tandem Roller	15.00	
Metal Culverts	394.20	
Tow Chains	494.48	\$29,400.99

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

CUTTING BRUSH ON NORTH WOODSTOCK ROAD			
Labor	\$	69.39	
Machinery Rental		13.50	\$ 82.89
INSTALLING 420 FT. OF SIDE DRAIN AND 72 FT. CROSS DRAIN ON DRESSER HILL ROAD			
Labor	\$	682.33	
Machinery Rental		590.18	
Skip Pipe		267.54	
Reinforced Concrete Pipe		75.60	
Gravel		173.00	
Concrete Blocks		33.60	
Bituminous Concrete		188.33	
Trap Rock		397.00	\$ 2,407.58

RUBBISH COLLECTION ACCOUNT

Eight collections were made between April
15th and November 15th at a cost to the
Town of \$ 2,286.05 \$ 2,286.05

ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Gasoline	\$ 2,875.91	
Motor Oil and Grease	398.99	
Tires, Tubes, and Recaps	1,911.20	
Truck Registrations	27.50	
Ford Truck Wheels	117.60	
Repair parts for all Equipment	4,413.45	\$ 9,744.65

ROAD MACHINERY (NEW EQUIPMENT)

1 Schramm Compressor (85)	\$ 2,148.50	
1 F.W.D. Truck 3½ Ton	4,500.00	
1 Cleveland C7 Paving Breaker	215.00	
1 Cleveland H10 Rock Drill	206.46	
1 Frink Snow Plow Model 25SB	493.20	
3 Frink Snow Plows Model 20SB	1,220.00	\$ 8,783.16

TOWN DUMP ACCOUNT

Wages of Caretaker	\$ 1,213.00	
Rental of Grounds	125.00	\$ 1,338.00

SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

Labor	\$ 8,200.65	
Calcium Chloride	272.26	
Meals	163.20	
Sand	61.55	
Rental of Shovel	282.20	\$ 8,979.86

WORCESTER STREET SIDEWALK

From Henry St. to Pariseau's Store

Labor	\$ 923.85	
Machinery Rental	270.55	
Cement	369.60	
Insuro Chemical	57.32	
Sand	60.00	
Gravel	33.00	
Bituminous Concrete	80.62	
Rental of Tandem Roller	4.00	\$ 1,798.94

WORCESTER STREET SIDEWALK

From Pariseau's Store to Snow St.

Labor	\$ 436.60	
Machinery Rental	91.10	
Cement	176.76	
Insuro Chemical	57.32	
Lumber	10.83	
Sand and Gravel	53.25	\$ 825.86

CHARLTON STREET SIDEWALK

From Sacred Heart Church to Worcester St.

Labor	\$ 646.40	
Machinery Rental	193.45	
Cement	212.19	
Sand and Gravel	45.00	
Bituminous Concrete	127.12	\$ 1,224.16

EVERETT STREET SIDEWALK
From Beecher St. to Lebanon Brook

Labor	\$ 1,614.45	
Machinery Rental	285.35	
Cement	751.08	
Supplies	207.75	
Insuro Chemical	166.30	
Sand and Gravel	192.25	\$ 3,230.18

PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALK

Labor	\$ 775.00	
Machinery Rental	161.30	
Cement	347.16	
Sand and Gravel	131.50	\$ 1,414.96

CLARK STREET RESURFACING

Labor	\$ 1,293.50	
Machinery Rental	944.90	
D Frames and Grates	55.80	
Brick for Catch Basins	44.00	
Sand	83.50	
Asphalt	284.20	\$ 2,705.90

DRESSER STREET RESURFACING

Installing storm water drain job incomplete

Labor	\$ 101.90	
Machinery Rental	6.00	
D Frames and Grates	55.80	
Brick for Catch Basins	20.00	\$ 183.70

We wish to thank all Town Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED BEAULIEU

GEORGE LAFLECHE

Board of Highway Commissioners

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31st, 1945:

VITAL STATISTICS

Total Number of Births Registered	428
By Sex:	
Males	214
Females	214
Total Number of Deaths Registered	200
By Sex:	
Males	98
Females	102
Total Number of Marriages Recorded	217
Marriage Intentions recorded	211
Marriage Certificates issued	209

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Auctioneer's	2
Bowling and Pool	5
Garage	28
Gasoline	41
Junk	10
Peddlers'	6
Sale of Firearms	4

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Number of Licenses:	Males	585
	Females	90
	Spayed Females	172
	Kennel	1
	Military	36
Total Licenses issued		884
Amount paid to Town Treasurer		\$1,782.80

SPORTING LICENSES RECORDED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	721
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	371
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	423
Resident Citizen Women's & Minor's Fishing Lics.	294
Resident Minor Trapper's Licenses	2
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	14
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-day Fishing Lics.	13
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	9
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	3
Duplicates	11
Non-Resident Military or Naval Ser. Sporting Lic.....	1
Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Lic.	44
Resident Military or Naval Ser. Sport. Lics.	105
Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance Fish. Lics.	14
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$3,645.75

MEETINGS HELD IN 1945

1. Annual Election of Town Officers	March 5th
2. Annual Business Meeting	March 12th
3. Special Town Meeting	May 14th
4. Special Town Meeting	June 4th
5. Special Town Meeting	October 1st
6. Special Town Meeting	December 27th

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN - 1945

Arpin, Armand	116 Plimpton St.
Bachand, Edward	16 Williams St.
Blute, Harold	564 Main St.
Brodeur, Antonio	114 Pine St.
Caron, Anatole Jr.	33 River St.
Cabana, Arthur	10 Oakes Ave.
Carpentier, Noe	Randolph St.
Ciesla, Anthoni	76 Plimpton St.
Clemence, George H.	Clemence Hill
Davis, Steven L.	50 Sturbridge Rd.
Fafard, Wilfred	11 Columbia St.
Gaumont, Eugel J.	16 Gardner St.
Gendron, Albert	42 Thomas St.
Girard, Wilfred J.	222 Mechanic St.
Grenke, Louis	9 Rose St.
Lafleche, Edmund O.	19 Moon St.
Lajeunesse, Edward	21 Wall St.
Lavallee, Adelard	75 Crystal St.
Leboeuf, Roland	27 Chestnut St.
Lynch, Charles	26 School St.
Noyes, Gordon	16 Edwards St.
Orsini, Antonio	145 Elm St.
Picard, Alfred	482 Main St.
St. Pierre, Rudolphe	10 Rose St.
Tetreault, Eugene	53 Fiske St.

Respectfully submitted

CLARE P. BOYER

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of work accomplished during the year 1945.

<u>Drains</u>	<u>Length</u>		<u>Built By</u>
Warren and Cisco St.	575 ft.	Contract	Frank J. Shields Inc.
Jacobs Road	115 "	"	Frank J. Shields Inc.
East Main St.	750 "	"	Frank J. Shields Inc.
Poplar and Glover St. (incomplete)	1020 "	"	Duff Bros. Inc.
Hamilton and Cross St.	558 "	"	Frank J. Shields Inc.
Dresser St.	30 "	"	Highway Dept.
South St.	120 "	"	Highway Dept.

<u>Sidewalks</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Built By</u>
Pleasant St.	620 ft.	Highway Dept.
Everett and Elm. Sts.	850 "	"
Charlton St.	300 "	"
Worcester St.	900 "	"

Streets Regraded and Resurfaced

School St.	By Highway Dept.
Clarke St.	"

Bridge Repairs

Elm St.	By Highway Dept.
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Swimming Pool Improvement

Swimming Pool	Contract by Frank J. Shields Inc.
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Establishing Lines and Grades, Plans and
Descriptions of the Following New Streets

Windsor Court
Twinehurst Place
Laurel Hill Road
Lebanon St.
Cole Forest Road

New Plans and Estimates for 1946

Walnut St. Sidewalk
Worcester St. "
Elm St. "
Dresser St. Athletic Field (incomplete)

Street Side Lines Given To

Water Supply Co.	20
Abutters	2
Telephone Co.	4
Gas and Electric Co.	5

House Numbers Given On

Lebanon St.
Laurel Hill Road
West St.
Hudson Ave.
Charlton St.

Field Survey of the Following Street Relocations

Durfee St. -
Elm St. (Lebanon Hill) (Eastford Road Intersection)
Cisco St.
Charlton St. (accepted at Town Meeting Oct. 1, 1945)

Street Bounds Set In

Locust Ave.		Complete
Windsor Court		"
Twinehurst Place		"
Clarke St.	4	Replacements
Hillside Road	1	"
Everett St.	3	"
Pleasant St.	2	"
Worcester St.	2	"
Charlton St.	1	"
Evergreen St.		Complete

Laying Out Of Victory Gardens

South St. (Harrington Hospital)	4 gardens	Newell Ave.
Elm St.		Highland St.
Henry St.	2 gardens	Litchfield Ave.
Paige Hill		Off Dresser St.
Forest Ave.		Pleasant St.
Hillside Road		Fiske St.
Eastford Road		Columbus Ave.
Lebanon Hill Road	2 gardens	Federal Ave.

Perambulating Town Boundary Lines

Woodstock - Southbridge Line	(complete)
Dudley - Southbridge Line	(complete)
Sturbridge - Southbridge Line	90% complete
Charlton - Southbridge Line	incomplete due to failure of Charlton not sending the Witnesses required by law.

Investigations

Accidents	2
Airport	3
Cisco St.	1
Sewer (complaint)	1
Drainage (complaint)	2
Proposed acceptance of Forest Ave.	
Proposed acceptance of Woody Crest Ave.	

I wish to thank the Selectmen and members of all other Town departments for the full cooperation given me during my first term as Town Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT

Town Engineer

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Southbridge Rationing Board is now a thing of the past. We are the Area Price Control Board which includes the towns of Sturbridge and Charlton. The only commodity left on rationing is sugar and that is handled by the Regional Office in Boston. Forms for sugar, to be filled in by the discharged veteran, a service man on furlough or a person who has lost or destroyed their # 4 book may still be obtained at this office. Our Chief Clerk, Mrs. Margaret R. Chapin serves on the Rehabilitation Committee for the purpose of assisting the veteran with OPA matters should he wish to start a business of his own.

Our primary function now is holding the line against inflation. We want to educate the consumer and the retailer alike in the danger of inflation and the need for price control. Everyone should know that all the necessities of life; food, clothing, furniture, etc. as well as automobiles, radios, refrigerators and many more are all under price control and without it we would suffer the same fate as many European countries where black markets flourish and the price of a loaf of bread requires many thousands of dollars. In Manila, one of our servicemen reported, a roast beef sandwich was selling for \$6.00. This must not happen here. Our Price Control Board is doing everything in their power to keep prices down. We need your help and cooperation. Buy only what you need and then pay no more than ceiling prices. Call your board for prices when you are in doubt and we will be glad to help you. Report violations. This is only fair fair to you, your retailer and your community.

Since our staff has been reduced from seven full time clerks and one part time clerk, to two clerks, you will readily understand the job they have in serving a town the size of Southbridge. However, we will endeavor to give the citizens of the town the same courteous treatment they have received in the past. Many telephone calls have been made to our Boston office where immediate information was needed. This we are glad to do.

During the past week we have moved from Memorial Hall to rooms 12 and 13 formerly occupied by the Road Commissioners and the Sewer Commissioners.

In closing we wish to thank the members of the various patriotic Organizations who so kindly gave us the use of their rooms, the Road and Sewer Commissioners for the present use of their quarters, to the Police Department for their assistance in protecting our ration currency during the entire rationing program, to the volunteers who have helped and are still working for our price program.

Our panel members and chief clerk join with me in thanking the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Southbridge for their splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. LOUGHNANE

Chairman

Area Price Control Board 135.284

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is my report of the activities of last summer at the swimming pool.

I really believe that the swimming pool project was a big help to the children of Southbridge largely because the children had an opportunity to go in swimming at a safe place under life guard supervision.

I also at this time want to thank the life guards for their cooperation with both the children and the swimming pool committee, and for the splendid work they did last summer in teaching a lot of children of this town how to swim.

I believe the largest day we had up there last summer was the day the playgrounds held their picnic at the swimming pool.

If material is available and the town appropriates money for water, sewerage and bath houses we will try to complete the pool this coming year.

Yours very truly

EMIL J. MARTIN

Chairman
Swimming Pool Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS;

for the

YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1945

SCHOOL COMMITTEE--1945-1946

Arthur H. Gaumond, Chairman, 45 South Street	1948
Joseph S. Normandin, 14 Dresser Street	1948
George M. Metras, 346 Charlton Street	1947
Nestor L. Pontbriand, 12 Cohasse Street	1947
John E. Farland, 30 Park Street	1946
Hector M. LeClair, Lebanon Hill	1946

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Channing H. Greene Residence, 35 Orchard Street
Office: High School Building, Tel. 365

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P. M.; Saturdays: 9:00 to 11:30 A. M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 7:30 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street Tel. 1108

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street Tel. 984
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street Tel. 32

SCHOOL NURSE

Edna C. Pinsonneault, 110 Pine Street* Tel. 1157-M

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Raoul O. Lataille, 79 High Street Tel.1674-J

SCHOOL CALENDAR--1946

Winter term, seven weeks	January 2--February 15
Spring term, eight weeks	February 25--April 19
Summer term, eight weeks	April 29--June 21
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 4--December 20

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A. M. will indicate no morning session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7:15 A. M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12:30 P. M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12:30 P. M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of Worcester County Electric Company.

* On leave of absence. Mrs. Sylvia J. Laakso is substitute nurse.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submits the following report of the finances of the School Department of the Town for the year closing December 31, 1945:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total expenditures	\$254,457.64	
Total receipts returned to Town		
Treasurer	45,727.61	
Net Cost to the Town		<u>\$208,730.03</u>

In Detail

Receipts to School Department:		
Appropriation	\$251,711.36	
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S.		
Government	4,016.99	
Balance Dec. 31,		
1945	14.24 ..	4,002.75
George-Deen Fund	2,436.82	
Balance, Dec. 31,		
1945	527.37	1,909.45
Total Funds Available		<u>\$257,623.56</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL	\$ 8,450.09
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AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Transportation	\$ 10,133.26	
Tuition to other schools	461.44	
Total--Auxiliary Agencies ...		10,594.70

HIGH SCHOOL

Instruction salaries	\$ 47,053.72	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	1,162.71	
Supplies	3,973.93	
Other expenses	355.16	
Operation of plant	10,218.09	
Maintenance of plant	1,603.02	
Capital outlay	1,059.53	
Total--High School		<u>65,426.16</u>

Amount Forward	\$ 84,470.95
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Amount Forward

\$ 84,470.95

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Instruction salaries	\$ 84,818.84
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks	2,065.46
Supplies	2,991.85
Other expenses	364.46
Operation of plant	16,281.58
Maintenance of plant	2,509.95
Capital outlay	<u>945.10</u>

Total--Elementary Schools ...

109,777.24

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	\$ 38,209.91
Instruction expenses:	
Textbooks	215.46
Supplies	1,524.74
Other expenses	338.43
Operation of plant	5,421.29
Maintenance of plant	1,372.44
Capital outlay	<u>628.23</u>

Total--Vocational School

47,710.50

ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	\$ 910.00
Instruction expenses	29.25
Other expenses	-----
Operation of plant	<u>30.00</u>

Total--Elementary Evening School

969.25

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE:

Salary	\$ <u>385.20</u>
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Total--Compulsory Attendance

385.20

MEDICAL SERVICE:

Salary	\$ <u>1,420.10</u>
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Total--Medical Service

1,420.10

NURSE SERVICE:

Salary	\$ 1,453.24
Other expenses	<u>240.77</u>

Total--Nurse Service

1,694.01

Amount Forward

\$246,427.25

Amount Forward		\$246,427.25
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DOMESTIC SCIENCE:

Salaries	\$	2,595.27	
Textbooks		1.67	
Supplies		96.24	
Maintenance		45.32	
Capital outlay		9.40	
Total--Domestic Science			2,747.90

CONTINUATION SCHOOL:

Supplies	\$	6.35	
Total--Continuation School ..			6.35

HOUSEHOLD ARTS:

Supplies	\$	96.23	
Total--Household Arts			96.23

EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	\$	722.50	
Instruction expenses:			
Supplies		46.73	
Operation of plant		160.25	
Maintenance of plant		-----	
Capital outlay		-----	
Total--Evening Vocational School			929.48

SUMMER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	\$	590.80	
Total--Summer Vocational School			590.80

VISUAL AIDS:

Instruction expenses:			
Supplies	\$	81.17	
Maintenance of plant		-----	
Capital outlay		-----	
Total--Visual Aids			81.17

PLAYGROUNDS:

Instruction salaries	\$	1,840.00	
Other expenses		772.96	
Total--Playgrounds			2,612.96

EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS:

Instruction salaries	\$	300.00	
Total--Evening Practical Arts			300.00

RETIREMENT FOR SERVICEMEN			665.50
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$254,457.64
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Balance on Hand, December 31, 1945			3,165.92
			<u>\$257,623.56</u>

RECEIPTS RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER

Massachusetts School Fund	\$12,342.85
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant	6,144.70
Vocational School (Day) State Grant	1,815.92
Vocational School--General Vocational	10,106.68
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant	241.90
Household Arts--State Grant	1,618.03
Continuation School--State Grant	279.24
Adult Civic Education	283.48
Worcester Evening Industrial School	15.40
Worcester Evening Practical Arts School	13.60
Smith Hughes, U. S. Government Fund	4,016.99
George-Deen Fund	2,436.82
High School Tuition	4,105.00
Elementary School Tuition	46.25
Vocational School Tuition	2,368.58
Cole Trade School, Goods Sold	420.98
Refunds	7.15
Bus Tickets	5.65
Total	<u>\$46,269.22</u>

George-Deen Fund--Balance, December 31, 1945	\$527.37	
Smith Hughes Fund--Balance, December 31, 1945	14.24	541.61

Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer \$45,727.61

The fiscal year of 1945, just closed, has been a difficult one in which to operate financially, because of rising costs in every direction.

Operation of the school plant was hampered further because of a reduction of \$10,000 by the town appropriations meeting.

It was hoped, until early in December, that the funds allotted would be sufficient, but supplies placed on order several months ago arrived in the closing weeks of the year and caused a deficit in the School Department "Other Expenses Account" which the special town meeting of December 28, 1945 was unwilling to approve.

The factor of continued high prices will undoubtedly continue through 1946 and will necessitate the delay of many much needed repairs this year. One condition, however, should be brought to the attention of the voters: namely, toilet and basement repairs at Marcy Street School.

With the return of Mr. Harold Andrews, Painting Instructor of the trade high school staff, one phase of the work can be taken care of at a fairly moderate expense. The toilet rooms modernization which should be done with the least possible delay will be fairly expensive. A budget provision has been made for this work.

Under our present organization, a large share of our transported pupils attend classes at this building which has none of the advantages of the other three eight-grade elementary schools.

We want the parents to know, through this statement, that the committee is mindful of conditions at this school, and feels strongly that they should be remedied.

The School Committee looks with pride upon the summer recreation facilities offered through the four playgrounds and hopes very much indeed that the voters will be willing, in the near future, to improve and enlarge the recreational facilities at all of the

elementary schools, except at Marcy Street where space is not available. This is an additional reason why the committee feels that everything possible should be done to improve the physical condition of this building.

As higher costs of living began to be drastically felt, at the beginning of the war years, the committee voted to give all teachers a 10% increase in salary on April 1st, 1942.

The appropriation meeting of 1943 increased the school department budget by another 15% and the school committee took this opportunity to work out and adopt, through the help of the educational services division of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, a new and more attractive salary scale.

The soundness of this scale has been proved by the fact that many communities, facing a salary adjustment program, have requested copies of it.

In the face of continued high costs of living, the committee, exercising its sole jurisdiction over salaries, voted a \$100 increase beginning January 1, 1946 to all school department employees to try to meet this situation.

With the marked increase of salaries since 1942 which, however, are following a uniformly national trend and with costs of all supplies much greater than in 1942, it is inevitable that the budget should be greatly increased from that of five years ago. This is necessary if the pupils of the Southbridge Public Schools are to have the educational advantages which are enjoyed in the better communities of Massachusetts.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome back to our staff, men who left us to join the armed forces of the United States. We trust that their adjustment will be at a minimum of difficulty. We know that all pupils whom they serve will respect the older more mature judgment and better teaching techniques which they bring to their resumed class-room duties.

I wish to thank each and every one of my colleagues on the committee for their unflinching support of my administration. To the superintendent, principals, teachers, bus drivers, clerks, and custodians, I wish to express my appreciation of work well and cheerfully done.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. GAUMOND

Chairman, School Committee

Mr. Arthur H. Gaumond
Chairman, School Committee
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gaumond:

It is a pleasure to submit herewith my ninth annual report which is the sixty-first such report by superintendents of the public schools of Southbridge.

Our educational offerings are grouped, as in the past few years, in the five buildings used for elementary school purposes, in the two buildings used exclusively for vocational school purposes, and in the Mary E. Wells High School building which shares its quarters with general vocational school pupils.

Outstanding work in the River Street School centers in much individual instruction because of small class groups.

Interested citizens are requested to visit this school to become better acquainted with the work that is accomplished there.

The four other elementary schools house pupils from grade I through grade VIII with departmental work in grades VI - VIII.

Although the usual junior high school organization takes place in grades VII - IX, the fullest use of the three new schools, has caused this deviation from a more standard pattern.

Many teachers from all five elementary schools are taking local workshop courses, or are studying elsewhere to keep up with the trend in approved practices.

The Cole Trade School has adopted curriculum changes which have justified a change of name to the Cole Trade High School, and we have the assurance that specimen students of superior scholastic grade will be accepted for admission to higher institutions of learning.

The college preparatory courses at Wells High School are continuing their long-time accomplishments of fitting their better students for colleges all over the country. In all other courses, pupils get out of school just about what they put into it and in accordance with native ability and aptitude.

The guidance department which attempts to serve the needs of all pupils who seek its advice can do much, as time goes by, to minimize waste and assure accomplishment.

All branches of our secondary school offerings will be challenged to the utmost to meet the requests of veterans who, in increasingly greater numbers, are attempting to make proper and profitable re-adjustments to civilian life.

Through our great number of full-time or part-time day or evening courses, we shall hope to have several offerings of interest and profit to all.

I wish to thank all members of the School Committee, all staff members, and the citizens of Southbridge who are interested in the welfare of the Southbridge Public Schools for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING H. GREENE

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1944 to July, 1945. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1945 to January 1, 1946.

I.--School Houses (Including Trade School)--1945

Number Houses--occupied	7	Unoccupied	0
Schoolrooms--occupied	84	Unoccupied	0

II.--Teachers (Including Trade School)

Number of male teachers	24*#"
Number of female teachers	62#"

III.--Pupils

Number of children in town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

	<u>1945</u>
Between the ages of 5 and 7	430
Between the ages of 7 and 14	1,663
Between the ages of 14 and 16	<u>536</u>

Total persons between ages of 5 and 16	2,629
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* One teacher on leave of absence
 # Five full-time substitutes
 " Two part-time teachers

Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1944	1945
from September to June	1,576	1,623
Number between 5 and 7	144	173
Number between 7 and 14	894	901
Number between 14 and 16	377	437
Number over 16 years of age	161	112
Average membership	1,511	1,549
Average daily attendance	1,416	1,457

Total enrollment NOTRE DAME		
from September to June	581	593
Number between 5 and 7	106	63
Number between 7 and 14	395	464
Number between 14 and 16	53	23
Number over 16 years of age	27	43
Average membership	547	557
Average daily attendance	498	520

Total enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC	385	387
from September to June	71	69
Number between 5 and 7	290	292
Number between 7 and 14	24	26
Number between 14 and 16	--	--
Number over 16 years of age	371	367
Average membership	352	349
Average daily attendance		

Total enrollment ST. MARY'S		
from September to June	241	225
Number between 5 and 7	34	40
Number between 7 and 14	148	135
Number between 14 and 16	41	31
Number over 16 years of age	18	19
Average membership	229	220
Average daily attendance	214	205

Total enrollment COLE TRADE DAY		
from September to June	166	151
Number between 14 and 16	144	144
Number over 16 years of age	20	7
Average membership	116	93
Average daily attendance	107	84

Total enrollment COLE TRADE COOP.		
from September to June	89	83
Number over 16 years of age	89	83
Average membership	42	39
Average daily attendance	39	37

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS
School Year Ending July 1, 1945

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
High School	203	309	512	512	452.63	476.27	94.97
Charlton St. Gr. VIII.	15	13	28	28	24.25	25.03	96.80
Eastford Rd. Gr. VIII.	15	15	30	30	27.45	28.66	95.80
Marcy St. Gr. VIII ...	13	23	36	40	36.00	37.01	97.29
West St. Gr. VIII	24	19	43	43	36.59	38.61	95.13
Charlton St. Gr. VII .	13	27	40	40	35.98	37.47	96.02
Eastford Rd. Gr. VII .	15	11	26	27	22.97	24.93	92.16
Marcy St. Gr. VII	14	20	34	34	27.28	29.32	96.07
West St. Gr. VII	13	17	30	30	26.69	28.34	96.40
Charlton St. Gr. VI ..	23	30	53	59	48.69	50.97	95.26
Eastford Rd. Gr. VI ..	12	11	23	24	21.43	22.45	95.45
Marcy St. Gr. VI	17	12	29	33	30.27	30.09	95.10
West St. Gr. VI	18	17	35	35	32.22	34.10	94.51
Charlton St. Gr. V ...	23	19	42	47	43.41	43.75	97.22
Eastford Rd. Gr. V ...	15	17	32	36	30.40	31.92	95.25
Marcy St. Gr. V	13	9	22	25	20.69	21.93	94.36
West St. Gr. V	18	17	35	36	32.48	34.45	93.77
Charlton St. Gr. IV ..	18	24	42	42	38.22	39.17	96.50
Eastford Rd. Gr. IV ..	16	10	26	28	25.35	26.89	94.27
Marcy St. Gr. IV	14	12	26	27	24.82	26.23	94.59
West St. Gr. IV	17	16	33	31	28.08	29.86	94.06
Charlton St. Gr. III .	23	16	39	39	36.42	37.91	96.22
Eastford Rd. Gr. III .	10	14	24	24	22.16	22.94	96.69
Marcy St. Gr. III	9	6	15	17	14.59	15.65	93.97
West St. Gr. III	22	11	33	33	31.39	32.98	95.27
Charlton St. Gr. II ..	27	20	47	48	34.79	36.17	96.14
Eastford Rd. Gr. II ...	8	12	20	21	17.95	19.01	94.37
Marcy St. Gr. II	12	12	24	26	20.68	22.62	91.40
West St. Gr. II	18	19	37	38	33.59	35.21	95.38
Charlton St. Gr. I ...	18	23	41	45	32.10	33.38	95.93
Eastford Rd. Gr. I ...	23	16	39	37	33.34	35.52	93.75
Marcy St. Gr. I	17	9	26	30	23.97	27.85	86.69
River St. Gr. I & Gr. II	15	15	30	30	26.93	28.81	91.78
West St. Gr. I	12	17	29	31	26.56	27.90	95.19
River St. Manual Arts I	--	9	9	9	7.29	8.12	88.73
River St. Manual Arts I	14	--	14	17	12.30	13.79	88.24
River St. Manual Arts II	15	--	15	17	14.31	15.50	92.34
Cole Trade Day	151	--	151	151	84.24	93.06	94.13
Cole Trade Coop	83	--	83	83	37.63	39.30	96.02

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1944--June 1945 (Girls)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21 or Over	Tot.
I	30	37	8														75
II		23	28	10	4	3											68
III			11	23	11		2										47
IV				14	30	10	5	1									60
V					16	32	16	3									67
VI						10	29	12	12	4	3						70
VII							1	13	32	18	9	2					75
VIII									16	33	14	6					69
IX									1	30	51	11	1	1	1		96
X										1	16	40	6				63
XI											3	30	35	12	2	1	83
XII												2	19	30	14	1	66
Ungraded									1	4	2	2					9
Total	30	60	47	47	61	56	65	66	98	99	96	61	43	17	2		848

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1944--June 1945 (Boys)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21 or Over	Tot.
I	23	45	8	2													78
II		15	19	17	6	2											59
III			11	26	21	3	2	1									64
IV				10	29	13	9	4	1								66
V					11	31	18	5	4		1						70
VI						7	27	13	5	7	1						60
VII							4	28	18	4	1						55
VIII								1	10	40	16						67
IX										21	35	11	3				70
X										1	10	26	12	3			52
XI												13	34	5	1		53
XII												1	4	11	12		29
Ungraded						1	3	6	3	7	9					1	29
Total	23	60	38	55	67	57	64	67	93	79	63	53	19	13		1	752

CHANGE OF TEACHERS--Resigned or Leave of Absence

January---Resigned	Flora Phillips	River Street
January---Resigned	Constance Belmore	Charlton Street
March-----Leave of Absence	Lindzay Varnam	Mary E. Wells High School
March-----Leave of Absence	Hannah Cook	Mary E. Wells High School
June-----Retired	May O. Simpson	Marcy Street
August----Resigned	Ruth Norton	Mary E. Wells High School
August----Resigned	Paul Dion	Director of Occupational Guidance and Placement
August----Resigned	Beatrice Cobb	Charlton Street
August----Resigned	Constance LaForce	West Street
August----Resigned	Wyntha Tompkins	Marcy Street
August----Resigned	Clarence Knowles	Cole Trade School
August----Resigned	Dorothy Brockway	Marcy Street
September-Resigned	Sylvia Claflin	West Street
September-Resigned	Doris Potter	West Street
September-Resigned	Herman Polley	Cole Trade School
November--Resigned	Margaret Andrews	River Street

Appointed

January	Margaret Andrews	River Street
January	Everett Holmes	Charlton Street
January	Eino Laakso	Mary E. Wells High School
March	Frances Latham	Mary E. Wells High School
March	Kathryn Robertson	Mary E. Wells High School
August	Elsie Benoit	Mary E. Wells High School
August	Joseph B. Hoyt	Director of Occupational Guidance and Placement
August	Alma Abramson	Charlton Street
August	Kathleen D. Frantz	Marcy Street
August	Cordelia Giddings	River Street
September	Dorothy Cargill	West Street
September	Francis Couture	Cole Trade School
September	Dorothy Sheriffs	West Street
September	Eva Turner	Marcy Street
September	Cathryn Maxwell	West Street
September	Pauline M. Auccin*	Mary E. Wells High School
October	William A. Julien	Cole Trade School
October	Euretta Leonard	Charlton Street
November	Judith Lynch	River Street
November	Viola B. Sweeney	Charlton Street
December	Hedwiga Kochanowski	Music
December	Francis Rogers	Art

* Returned after leave of absence.

CORPS OF TEACHERS--January 1, 1946

	<u>1st</u> <u>Appt.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>College Attended</u>
Channing H. Greene, B.S. M.Ed.	1929	Superintendent	Middlebury (a) U. of N.H. (b) Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Joseph B. Hoyt, B.S., M.A. M.A. in Teaching	1945	Director of Oc- cupational Guidance and Placement	Bowdoin (a) Harvard (b) (c)
Marjorie Nichols, B.S.Ed. M.Ed.	1943	Elementary School Supervisor	North Adams (a) Columbia (b)
Elsie A. Hofstra	1933	Secretary to Superintendent	Becker's Business College

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Robertson, B.S. M.Ed.	1937	Principal	B. U. (a) (b) (c) Harvard (c) Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Marjorie C. Hobson	1945	Secretary to Principal	Katharine Gibbs School, Boston
Pauline M. Aucoin, B.S.	1921	Commercial and French	B. U. (a) (c)
Dorothy L. Bartoli, B.S.Ed.	1935	English, Guidance, Speech, and Modern History	Worcester TC. (a) Clark (c)
Elsie Benoit, B.S.Ed.	1945	Commercial, Math., Girls' Coach	Salem T.C. (a)
Kathryn Beauregard, B.A.	1922	French, Spanish, and Jr. Red Cross	Middlebury (a) (c) B. U. (c)
Rose Brodeur, B. S.	1939	Social Studies	B. U. (a) (c) N. Y. University (c)
Constance Coderre, B.S.	1929	Commercial and Student Council	Simmons (a) B. U. (c) Columbia (c)
Louise B. Corbin	1924	Home Economics and Sr. Red Cross	Fitchburg T. C. Wheaton Simmons
Priscilla Drake, B.S., M.A.	1928	History and Glee Club	B. U. (a) (b) Springfield (c) Trinity (c)
Thecla Fitzgerald, B.A. M.Ed.	1926	English and Crimson and Gray	Radcliffe (a) B. U. (b)
C. Estelle Hefner, Ph.B.	1933	Latin	Brown U. (a) B. U. (c)
Persis F. Howe, B.S.Ed.	1930	Commercial	Salem T. C. (a) Columbia (c) Clark (c)

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

Barbara H. Kyrios, B.S.Ed.	1940	Home Economics	Framingham T.C. (a) and Continua- Fitchburg T. C. (c) tion School.
Eino Laakso, B.A., M.A.	1945	Algebra, General Science	Clark (a) (b)
Frances W. Latham, B.S.	1945	Biology and General Science	U. of Conn. (a)
Harry J. McMahon, Ph.B.M.Ed.	1926	Chemistry, Coaching, and Physics	Holy Cross (a) B. U. (b) Harvard (c)
Grace Palmer, B.S.Ed.	1942	English and Biology	Worcester T.C. (a) U. of Vt. (c) Columbia (c)
Elinor Small, B.A.*	1945	Gen. Science, Algebra, Geometry	Brown U. (a)
Flora Tait, B.S.Ed., M.A.	1939	Occupations, English, and Dramatic Club	Framingham T.C. (a) B. U. (b) Cornell (c)
Frances Troy, B.S.Ed.	1927	Commercial	Salem T.C. (a) B. U. (c)
Lindzay Varnum, B.S.**	1943	Algebra, Trig., Geometry, and Aeronautics	Colby (a) B. U. (c)

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL--REGULAR FACULTY

Clark H. Morrell	1931	Director	B. U. State Courses Fitchburg T. C.
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	Secretary to Director	N. E. School of Secretarial Science
Georgette Desaulniers	1942	Clerk	Mary E. Wells High School
John Benson	1942	Machine Related (Cooperative)	Northeastern U.
George H. Braman	1938	Factory and Maintenance	Northeastern U. Fitchburg T. C.
Francis E. Couture	1945	Electrical	Worcester Boys' Trade University Extension
William Delaney, B.S. M.Ed.	1940	Gen. Vocational (Academic)	Boston T.C. (a) B. U. (b)
Walter J. Glondek	1938	Machine Work	Cole Trade Fitchburg T.C. Clark U.
Léo Grenier	1936	Machine Work	Cole Trade
Ernest Hall	1926	Industrial Printing	Southbridge H.S.
Nels H. Johnson	1937	Cooperative Machine Shop	Lowell Textile School Gen. Electric at Lynn Fitchburg T.C.

* Full-time Substitute

** On leave of Absence

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree

(b) Master's Degree

(c) Graduate Work

William A. Julien, B.A.	1945	Mathematics	Manhattan College (a)
William Nickerson	1941	Gen. Vocational (Wood)	Norwich U. Fitchburg T. C.
William Paul	1942	Gen. Vocational (Machine)	Lowell Textile
Frank P. Skinyon, B.S.Ed.	1934	Cabinet Pattern Making	Fitchburg T. C. (a)

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

Raoul O. Lataille, B.A. M.Ed.	1939	Acting Principal Coaching	Assumption (a) B. U. (b)
Alma A. Abramson, B.Ed.	1945	Grade 3	Keene T. C. (a)
Patricia P. Callahan, B.S.Ed.	1939	History, Geography, Science, and Lit. in Grades 6, 7, 8	Westfield T.C. (a) Extension Courses (c)
Eva A. Casavant, B.S.Ed. M.A.	1933	History, Geography, Science, and Reading in Grades 6, 7, and 8	Worcester T.C. (a) Clark (b)
Bridie M. Fitzgibbons, B.S.Ed.	1945	Grade 4	Willimantic T. C. (a)
Everett H. Holmes, B.A.	1945	English in Grades 6, 7, and 8	Colby U. (a) B. U. (c) Harvard (c)
Edith C. Howes, B.S.Ed.	1942	Grade 3	Hyannis T. C. (a) (c)
Euretta Leonard	1945	Grades 1 and 2	Castleton T. C. Westfield T. C.
Eva P. Salviuolo, B.S.Ed.	1943	Grade 1	Worcester T. C. (a)
Marie J. Saunders	1924	Mathematics in Grades 6, 7, and 8	Westchester T. C. Extension Courses
Viola E. Sweeney, B.S.Ed.	1945	Grade 5 Remedial Work	Fitchburg T. C. (a)
Florida G. Tarquinio, B.S.Ed.	1942	Grade 5	Worcester T. C. (a)
Grace E. Wheeler, B.S.Ed.	1945	Grade 2	Worcester T. C. (a)

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Laurenda A. Boyer	1926	Principal	B. U. Worcester T. C. Extension Courses
Corinne E. Beaudreau	1924	Grade 1	State Extension Courses
Elizabeth Curtis, B.A. B.S.Ed.	1944	Departmental Grades 6, 7, and 8	B. U. (a) Salem T. C. (a)

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

Bertha Foley	1912	Grade 2	Worcester T. C. Extension Courses
Irene Gough	1914	Departmental Grades 6, 7, and 8	Worcester Domestic Science School
Myrtle Jodrey*	1944	Grade 5	Fitchburg State Normal Extension Courses
Julia C. Morrill	1914	Grade 3	St. Joseph's Normal Extension Courses
Emily Roberts, B.S.Ed.	1944	Grade 4	Hyannis T. C. (c) Worcester T. C. (a)
Bertha Wallace	1922	Departmental Grades 6, 7, and 8	Hyannis T. C. B. U.

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Principal Art and Music	St. Ann's Academy Fitchburg T. C.
Mabel A. Chamberlain	1902	Grade 1	State Extension Courses
Gladys Cowan	1942	Grade 2	Farmington State Normal U. of Maine
Camella Dintini, B.S.Ed.	1940	Grade 4	Worcester T. C. (a)
Kathleen Frantz, B.S.	1945	General Science and Health in Grades 6, 7, and 8. English in Grade 6. Reading and Lit. in Grades 6 and 7.	Eau Claire T. C. (a)
Ruth Huson	1945	Grade 3	Maine State Normal School Hyannis T. C.
Mabel Joy	1915	Grade 5	Salem T. C.
Constance L'Ecuver, B.S.Ed. M.A.	1940	Social Studies in Grades 6, 7, and 8. Eng- lish in Grade 7.	Fitchburg T.C. (a) B. U. (b) Boston City Nersery (c) Smith Coll. Kindergarten (c) Worcester T. C. (c) Columbia (c) Extension Courses (c)
Julia C. Yott	1917	Math. in Grades 6, 7, and 8. English and Lit. in Grade 8.	Fitchburg T. C.

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

Clara M. Reed*	1918	Acting Principal Manual Arts II Reading, Spell- ing and Penmanship	Westfield T. C. Worcester Trade School Worcester T. C. Extension Courses
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* Full-Time Substitute

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

Cordelia T. Giddings	1945	Manual Arts	R.I. College of Ed. III, Domestic, Art.
Cecelia Lamy, B.S.Ed.	1940	Manual Arts I Social Science, Language and Music	Salem T. C. (a) Wellesley (c) Extension Courses
Judith Eleanor Lynch	1945	Manual Arts III Domestic Science, Arts & Crafts.	Wheelock School, Boston B. U. U. of Puerto Rico
Armand Proulx*	1942	Building Assistant	

WEST STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine, A.B. M.Ed.	1944	Principal	Assumption (a) B. U. (b) Clark (c) Northeastern U. (c) Oxford University (England) (c) Harvard (c)
M. Celestine Carey	1932	Departmental History, Art, Geography and Music in Grades 6, 7, and 8	College of Our Lady of the Elms Hyannis T. C.
Dorothy E. Cargill, B.S. Ed.	1945	Grade 3	U. of Vermont (a)
Alice Wixted Dion	1926	Grade 4	North Adams T. C. Hyannis T. C.
Gladys M. Dukeshire	1944	Departmental Math. & Science in Grades 6, 7 & 8.	Truro N. S. Normal Regina Sask. Normal
Charlotte M. Henderson, B.A.Ed.	1944	Departmental English Lit. in Grades 6, 7, and 8	Keene T. C. (a)
Cathryn Maxwell	1945	Grade 1	Lowell T. C.
Edith M. Randall	1920	Grade 2	State Extension Courses
Ruth W. Sampson	1930	Grade 5	Westfield Normal State Extension Courses
Dorothy M. Sheriffs*	1945	Grade 3	Westfield Normal

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Claire Birtz	1937	Art	Worcester School of Art B. U.
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Director of Continuation School	St. Ann's Academy Fitchburg T. C.
Hedwiga Kochanowski**	1945	Music	M. E. W. High School

* Full-Time Substitute

** Part-Time

Notes-- (a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work

Constance L'Ecuyer,	1940	Director of	Fitchburg T. C. (a)
B.S.Ed.		Americanization	B. U. (b)
M.A.			Boston City Nursery (c)
			Smith College Kindergarten (c)
			Worcester T. C. (c)
			Columbia U. (c)
			Extension Courses
Francis Rogers*	1945	Art	Amherst College
			Art Students' League
			N. Y. C.

JANITORS

Philias Caron	1945	Mary E. Wells High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street (Cole Trade)
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Mary E. Wells High School
Napoleon Martel	1945	Mary E. Wells High School
Henry Masse	1942	River Street School
Omer Metivier	1938	Marcy Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School
Walter O. Paquette	1943	West Street School
Charles Quevillon	1928	Cole Trade School

* Part-time

Notes--(a) Bachelor's Degree
 (b) Master's Degree
 (c) Graduate Work

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my ninth annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1945-1946 is divided as follows: Seniors, 86; Juniors, 123; Sophomores, 140; Freshmen, 178 a total of 527 pupils.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses; namely, Academic, Commercial, and General.

Ninety-nine pupils were graduated on June 21, 1945, and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

CLASS OF 1945--Academic

*Shirley Evelyn Braman	*Anne Elaine Laliberte
*Gloria Madeleine Caron	*Anne Marie Langevin
*William Joseph Cunneen	Barbara Ann Lavallee
*Jane Alice Cuskie	*Phyllis Ursula Lemmelin
Chrintina Czyzewski	*Paul Edgar Richard
*Richard Valmore Favreau	*Patricia Robson
*Shirley Feldman	*Helen Nora Roth
*Donald Joseph Gervais	*Norman Joseph Roy
Richard Maxwell Harwood	*Bruce Stewart Soutar
	*Thelma May Vantura

COMMERCIAL

Lena Lucille Bernadone	*Jeannette Aline Loisel
*Gloriette Therese Cournoyer	Norma Evelyn Merrick
*Pauline Marie Fray	*Lirika Olimbia Mihal
Claire Lillian Galipeau	*Jacqueline Louise Ouellette
*Alice Emilia Girouard	*Aldea Malvina Peloquin
*Aline Lorraine Langevin	Filomena Ann Puracchio
*Barbara Janice LaRochelle	*Rachel Alice Shepard
*Lorraine Ina LaRochelle	*Lorna Jane Simonds
Ruth Frances Leigh	*Claire Marion Tetreault
*Pauline Marie-Ange Letourneau	Gloria Lorraine Tucci
*Irene Geraldine Liro	*Mary Rita Volpini

GENERAL

Yvonne Marie Arsenault	"Aime Lacoste
"Robert Eugene Bastien	"Roger Normand Lafleche
*Rita Parmelia Blanchard	Joan Patricia Laliberte
*Louise Loretta Boudreau	"Louis Gerald Lapointe
"Hormidas Albany Bousquet	Margaret Eleanor Lasell
Jean Raycroft Cahill	Carmen Antoinette Lippe
June Elizabeth Chace	Rita Jeanne Livernois
*Jacqueline Yvette Chagnon	Vera Mary Lord
"Emile William Cloutier	Eunice Louise Lucier
Louisa Teresa Costanzi	Barbara Jane Martel

Robert Edward Curboy
 *Phyllis Arlene Dartt
 Thelma Blanche Desrosiers
 Mary Margaret Dinovelli
 Mary Louise DiPaola
 Doris Clara Dupuis
 Richard Paul Evans
 *Richard Homere Genereux
 Helen Anne Hamilton
 *Gladys Arlene Hebert
 Myron Michael Hoenig
 Alice Mae Keenan
 *Beverly Lloyd Kezar
 Theresa Elizabeth Kornasky

Constance Theresa Martel
 Rita Theresa Miller
 Florence Isabel Morse
 Frederick Robert Noga
 Marie Estelle Beth Peloquin
 "Victor Lionel Peloquin
 William Valentino Presutti
 "Robert Norman Provost
 Mary Louise Ritchie
 Claire Elizabeth Sangren
 Harold LeRoy Shepard
 "John Patrick Sullivan
 Natalie Ann Tonner
 Mary Woulas

WAR DIPLOMAS

"William Arthur Baker
 "Joseph Czyzewski
 "Allan Herbert Jodrey
 "Roland Phaneuf
 "Roger Salva

"Henry Arthur Mathieu
 "Calvin Francis Simpson
 "Kenneth Steenburn
 "John Daniel Szydlik
 "Raymond Theodore Proulx

*General average of 80% or above for four years.
 "In service.

The Mary E. Wells High School is in the process of returning to peace time educational policies.

The most gratifying sign of this is the return of our faculty members and students who served in the armed forces of our country. Another evidence is the return of the high school to a two-session day until such time as facilities can be built and an adequate cafeteria installed.

The citizens of the Town of Southbridge, I believe, understand the aims, courses, and high type of instruction given in our school. Therefore, I shall not dwell with the obvious in this report but rather I will speak of a few things I hope to see come to pass in the high school in Southbridge.

1. The high school needs a gymnasium which is large enough to divide separately so that it may be used by both boys and girls at the same time. The result of such an addition would be the building up of a physical education program in the high school. Along the lines of a physical education program comes the question of an athletic field and field house. These are needed vitally.

2. I hope to see a cafeteria installed in the Mary E. Wells High School building. This would permit a one-session day and allow ample opportunity for a health building program. At the present time our athletic program which is our only form of physical education reaches too few of our pupils.

3. The high school office should be reconstructed to allow conference rooms and private offices for both principal and guidance director. At the present time, both offices are on different floors of the building and, as a result, much duplication of work is required. The records of pupils which should be convenient to both offices are not in the existing situation.

4. I feel that a library is needed in the building.. Pupils are forced to do all reference work afternoons or evenings in the town library. With a library in the building and a trained supervisor, much of the pupils' home work would be done in school.

These are a few of the improvements I hope to see realized. There are others but, at the present time, these take precedence.

I want to take this opportunity to thank publicly all of those degree teachers who carried on so ably while our regular teachers served in the armed forces. Further, my appreciation extends to Miss Constance Coderre who directed the Student Council in the sale of stamps and bonds during the war years, and to Miss Louise Corbin and to Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard for their untiring efforts with the Senior and Junior Red Cross activities.

I express my appreciation to Mr. Channing Greene, Superintendent of Schools, to every member of the School Committee, and to the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge for this opportunity to present a report on the Mary E. Wells High School. I also offer my thanks for their kind support regarding the educational policies of the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON

Principal

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

The School Committee
Southbridge Public Schools
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Greene, I am submitting a report of my activities in the position of Director of Occupational Guidance and Placement. Since I have only been here since September, my report will cover the period September-December 1945.

In explanation, may I state that my recent arrival in town has required that I devote much of my time to a process of familiarization. I have visited most of the larger industries and made myself known to their personnel directors. By telephone and personal visit, I have also become acquainted with many of the store owners and managers. I have spent my time thus because I realize that a placement officer relies considerably upon a personal acquaintance with employment managers.

My guidance activities in connection with the Wells High School and Cole Trade School have resulted in some 350-400 individual conferences with students varying in length from 10 minutes to an hour. Most of these conferences have been for the purpose of helping the pupils with their educational problems. Over the past three months, I have interviewed and tested some 25 boys who wanted to transfer to Cole Trade High School. These boys were tested for mechanical aptitude and ability and the transfer recommended if boy showed the type of ability which would benefit from an industrial or trade training. Plans have been made to test and interview all seventh and eighth grade boys who may be interested in attending Cole Trade School next year.

Individual interviews with all Seniors will begin this week, to discuss their educational or vocational plans for next year. As a phase of this type of counseling, a conference on college choice was held with all Junior and Senior boys on December 12. The boys were addressed by a Mr. Jennings, director of admissions for Wesleyan University. A similar conference for girls is planned for February 16. This time the girls will be taken to Worcester to a pre-college conference being held at Bancroft School.

The occupational counseling of boys and girls not planning on further education is being carried on in several ways: first, by interview with the individual pupils; second, by organizing interviews between the pupil and some outsider who is engaged in the field in which the pupil is interested; third, by arranging for work experience in a particular field for a pupil. The list of consultants drawn up by Mr. Dion is being revised to bring it up to date. In the meantime, it is being used frequently.

Due to the preoccupation of most boys with compulsory military service, a Mr. Green, recruiting officer for the Navy, was brought to the High School when he addressed all boys 17 years of age or older. Plans have been made to have the Army recruiting officer also address these boys in the near future.

During the past three months, 24 boys and girls have been placed in part-time jobs. At the present moment, some 31% of the high

school pupils are working part-time in the various business organizations of Southbridge. Many of these employees are temporary, but we plan to make their jobs permanent part-time school jobs if feasible.

In addition to counseling school pupils, I have been able to extend the services of the office in testing and counseling to more than 10 veterans. This number I expect will increase during the remainder of the year as our facilities become better known.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. HOYT

Director of Guidance and Placement

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Building upon the foundations set during the past two years, a supervisory program has been developed to include the phases of professional help listed under Itemized Activities in this report.

The testing program includes pre-school tests for children under school entrance age; classroom testing of those grades considered "key grades" in our system, namely: Grade One for the foundations of reading, Grade Five for the preparation necessary to enter departmental studies in the Junior High School, and Grade Eight for entrance into High School and Trade School. Other grades are tested during the year at the request of the Principals when there is a special need for diagnosis. Individual pupils are tested continually during the year, especially those having difficulty in their studies and also those transferred from other school systems. Recommendations are made to the principals and to the Superintendent on the basis of these tests.

We are cooperating with the State Department of Education, Division of Public Health, by teaching, from the Curriculum Outline they offer, the many aspects of health education necessary for children in public schools. A Workshop Course in Health is being given to the teachers who elected to study in this area.

More effort was made during the year to assist, advise, and instruct new teachers and substitute teachers coming into the system.

Resources of educational materials, textbooks, and ideas are constantly being improved and developed.

Curriculum Outlines are continuing to be developed to meet the needs of our pupils and teachers. This is of necessity a slow process, covering several years, much study, experimentation, and many teachers' meetings. The subjects receiving study are Aviation, Arithmetic in the lower grades, and Social Studies in all grades.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE H. NICHOLS

Supervisor of Elementary Education

ITEMIZED ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 1945
Supervisor of Elementary Education

	Testing	Conferences	Supervising Activities	Other Professional Contacts
Totals	156	393	487	40
Individuals	123			
Groups	33			
<u>Individuals</u>				
Superintendent		44		
Principals		89		
Teachers		144		
Guidance		18		
Nurse		12		
Parents		12		
Textbook Companies		16		
Others		26		
<u>Groups</u>		32		
<u>Visits to Buildings</u>				
Eastford Road			56	
Marcy Street			61	
Charlton Street			64	
River Street			33	
West Street			58	
Total			272	
<u>Classroom Observations</u>				165
<u>Meetings</u>				
Principals				20
Teachers				21
Workshop				9
Total				50
<u>Home Visits</u>				6
<u>Community</u>				20
<u>Out of Town</u>				14

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Channing Greene, Supt.
Southbridge Public Schools

Dear Mr. Greene:

This is a report of the activities of the Cole Trade High School for the fiscal year January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945.

The outstanding events of the year were the action of the School Committee in changing the name of the school and departmentalizing the academic and related subjects to correspond with the organization evaluation plan of regular high schools. Heretofore, the evaluation of subject material was on a clock-hour basis which was inconsistent with regular high school and college methods. The change thus permits the evaluating of a student's school work to make it convenient to apply credits earned for entrance to schools of high education.

The departmentalization of the academic and related subjects also provides for four courses of study with three diploma and one certificate awards, namely:

1. Technical High School Diploma
2. Trade High School Diploma
3. Vocational High School Diploma
4. General Vocational Certificate

The Technical High School course is a post-graduate curriculum open to graduates of the academic and vocational high schools.

The Trade High School course is a three-year curriculum operated on a part-cooperative plan and open to sophomores of the academic or vocational high schools.

The General Vocational course provides vocational training and first year high school subjects for those who wish to continue their sophomore year in one of the foregoing courses in the Cole Trade High School. It also provides short term programs of vocational training for those who expect to leave school at age sixteen. These programs are open to seventh and eighth grade students who have reached their fourteenth birthday.

The departmentalized subjects are as follows:

English, Civics, and History taught by Mr. William Delaney, M.A.
Mathematics taught by Mr. William Julien, B. A.

Drawing taught by Mr. John Benson

Science taught by Mr. Walter Glondek

Mr. Harold Johnson was appointed department head of Machine Shop Practice

I am pleased to report the return to our faculty of Mr. Emery Lavalley, CMM, Mr. Myron Sibley, MI/c, and Mr. Harold Andrews, MMR2/c. They began their duties January 2, 1946. Mr. Lavalley's duties are Guidance and Placement Coordinator, including veteran counseling and supervision. Mr. Andrew's duties are instructing and supervising trainees in Interior Decorating and Painting. Mr. Sibley's duties are instructing and supervising trainees in Sheet Metal Work.

In Memoriam

Rudolph Julian
Carl Joy, Jr.

VETERAN TRAINING

There have been organized for veterans definite plans for training in occupations in the fields of commerce, trades and industries, and agriculture. Many veterans have been counselled, and some of them are now in training. All training is under three general plans:

1. "On the job" training which involves full-time employment in industry and home study.
2. "Part-time Cooperative" training which is our regular co-operative course, and the award of our Trade High School diploma.
3. "Short-term Programs" to meet the specific needs of each veteran.

The "Part-time Cooperative" courses are proving to be the most popular at the present time.

Veterans in training are now distributed as follows:

On the job training	12
Part-time Cooperative training	11
Special training	2

Two veterans are getting credit for work done here towards their Academic High School Diploma from the school where they attended at the time of induction for military service.

EVENING TRADE EXTENSION

The demand for evening courses was light during the past year. The subjects conducted were:

Machine Shop Practice	23
Machine Drawing	12
Cabinet & Patternmaking	20
Building Construction	8
Mathematics	17
	80

Seventeen of the total enrollment are veterans.

WAR BONDS & STAMPS

\$4,500.85 worth of bonds and stamps were sold during the year.

GRADUATES

Machinists

Arthur Joseph Bucharell	*Chester Michael Ottak
*Kristie George Christo	*Benjamin Vincent Paciorowski
*Joseph Adelard Livernois	*Donald Arthur Pinsonneault

Draftsmen

*Arnold Stuart Austin	Lionel Henry Berthiaume
Joseph Paul Gonsalves	

Factory Maintenance

*Francis Joseph Maly	*Leonard Matte
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Patternmaking

*Philippe Andre Roger Roy

*In Armed Forces

SCHOOL STATISTICS

	Coop.	Day	Total
In school at end of year	49	91	140
Graduated	12		12
Entering industry trained for	4	4	8
Entering other occupations	3	34	37
Entering armed service	4	2	6
Unfit for trade subjects	1	5	6
Returned to Grammar or High School	1	18	19
Left because of illness	1	3	4
Left town		2	2
Transferred to Coop. School		27	27
Transferred to Day School	4		4
Total membership for year 1945	79	186	265
Enrolled during year	37	84	121

ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Charles E. Hart, Chairman	American Optical Company
John I. Morris	J. I. Morris Company
Hector P. LeClair, Secretary	Dupaul-Central Opt. Co.
Arthur E. Proulx	Southbridge Roofing Co.
Louis Genereux	G. C. Winter Company
Adolph Prahm	American Optical Company
Lawrence K. Foote	American Optical Company
Allan S. Richmond	American Optical Company
William Manze	American Optical Company
Joseph Phaneuf	Globe Tool & Die Mfg. Co.
Stephen Simonelli	Simonds Machine Company
Richard Mahler	Harvey-Wells Electronics
Oswald Laliberte	F. X. Laliberte & Son
John Kennedy	Kennedy Electric Company
Barker Schofield	Ames Worsted Company
Percy Whiteoak	Ames Worsted Company
Antonio Blanchet	G. C. Winter Company

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the helpfulness of all those who have aided in solving the many problems relating to the operation of this school.

To you and the School Committee for your patience and understanding in considering the merits of the numerous proposals presented to you.

To the Advisory Committee for your generosity in giving of your time and for your counsel and civic interest in determining the needs of vocational training programs in this community.

To the supervisors of the several industries for your patience, interest and understanding essential to the training of students of the part-time cooperative courses.

To the personnel of this school, for your loyalty, perseverance and sacrifices essential to the training of young men for industry and particularly for your professional efforts in preserving as well as promoting the values of Vocational Education in the eyes of the citizens of Southbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK H. MORRELL

Director

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

From the opening of schools, September 5, 1945, to December 31, 1945, the Health Program consisted of the following:

The children of the elementary schools were weighed, measured for height, and given the audiometer test. The Dental Clinic was available for the first four grades. The seventh and eighth grade girls were given physical examinations by the school physician assisted by the school nurse. Milk lunches were furnished to the children in the grade schools as in preceding years.

Boys and girls at the Mary E. Wells High School who participated in athletics, the senior girls, and most of the junior girls were given physical examinations by the school physicians assisted by the school nurse.

Ten home visits were made. One student was referred to the Tuberculosis Clinic for examination.

Communicable diseases prevalent during these three months were whooping cough, mumps, chicken pox, grippe, and a few cases of scarlet fever.

A Health Course for teachers was conducted at the Mary E. Wells High School under the direction of Miss Jean Latimer of the Massachusetts Department of Health.

Better cooperation is needed from some parents in regard to notices sent home about matters of their children's health.

I wish to thank everyone who helped the Health Program in any way during these four months of the 1945-46 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

SILVIA J. LAAKSO, R. N.

Substitute School Nurse

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

All persons concerned with education today are becoming more and more interested in the lower group which is found in every classroom. In each one of the lower groups, we encounter either the slow learning child, the sickly child, or the truant.

The truant is always a challenge to the teacher, the principal, and the attendance officer. The task of helping the truant and adjusting this individual is not an easy one. Many parents fail to realize that today's truants will become a menace to our society later. Too many parents consider truancy as a juvenile prank that must be tried, without realizing that most of the juvenile delinquency originates with truancy.

It is recognized that many social ills--delinquency, vocational maladjustments, industrial inefficiency, poverty, and physical and mental breakdown, have their beginning or take their toll in maladjusted childhood.

The supervisor of attendance is concerned with regular attendance as an aid to higher scholarship standards and as an aid to vocational opportunities.

In cooperation with the school, the home, the health department, and other social agencies, the supervisor of attendance is constantly striving to prevent social failure and loss due to truancy.

The activities of the attendance supervisor are varied and cover a wide area. For instance, he must see to it that education laws are enforced; investigate absentees, truants, admissions, transfers, changes of address, home permits; assist principals to adjust school problems of attendance and behavior; act as mediator between school and home, also home and child; recommend disposition in cases of suspension from school; take care of requests assigned by Superintendent's office; investigate and issue employment certificates to all minors; issue street trade licenses and permits.

The following report gives an account of the work done during the past year:

Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	430
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,663
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	536
Number of pupils investigated for absences due to illness, truancy, lack of clothing, contagious diseases and other reasons	591
Cases investigated for home permits	38
Cases of persistent tardiness	43
Cases of children working unlawfully	46
Follow-up and friendly visits	59
Number of children assisted with shoes and clothing	8
Number of children for whom employment was obtained	2
Number of children adjusted in their school work	21
Number of employment certificates 16-21 literate	573
Number of employment certificates 16-21 illiterate	19
Employment between 14-16	140
Home Permits	6
Newsboys' badges and street trades	14

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

Attendance Officer

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VISUAL AIDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This is a report of activity in the Visual Aids Department from April to December 31, 1945.

In this period over 50 commercial and government films were shown. Because of limited seating accommodations in certain schools, a wider distribution of the films was made impossible. These films contained the latest information on the following topics:

Homes	Army	Radio	Rubber	First Aid
Food	Navy	Television	Steel	Railroads
Clothing	Aviation	Electronics	Lumber	Travel

In addition, the Red Cross released timely newsreels on the latest news of the day.

Materials were distributed to the local schools as follows:

Mary E. Wells High School

Motion Pictures	20
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River Street School

Motion Pictures	6
Metronoscope Rolls	5
Film Strips	40
Exhibits	1

West Street School

Motion Pictures	6
Film Strips	30

Marcy Street School

Film Strips	22
Exhibits	3

Charlton Street School

Motion Pictures	5
Film Strips	30
Slides (Sets)	8
Pictures (Sets)	10

Eastford Road School

Motion Pictures	2
Film Strips	26
Slides (Sets)	7

Cole Trade School

Motion Pictures	20
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TOTALS:

Motion Pictures	59
Film Strips	148
Metronoscope Rolls	5
Exhibits	4
Slides (Sets)	15
Pictures (Sets)	10

The facilities of this Department were used on several occasions by civic organizations, and also in the promotion of War Bond sales.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM V. DELANEY

Director of Visual Aids

SOUTHBIDGE SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, a complete report on the activities of the Summer Playgrounds is hereby submitted:

The Southbridge Summer Playgrounds extended for a period of six weeks from July 9 to August 17, five days a week for a total of thirty days, and length of the day was as follows:

9 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.
1 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.

The same four playgrounds were operated last year since they are accessible to all sections of the town. The playground areas were at West Street School, Charlton Street School, Eastford Road School, and at River Street School.

Total Playground enrollment	1,059
Average daily attendance	408
Average daily percentage of attendance	38.5
Largest daily attendance	702

Personnel

General

Director: Raoul O. Lataille
Secretary: Channing H. Greene, Superintendent of Schools
Payroll: Miss Elsie Hofstra, Secretary to Superintendent of Schools

West Street Playground

Supervisor: Miss Celestine Carey
Assistants: Miss Constance LaForce
Mr. Henry Remian

Charlton Street School

Supervisor: Miss Eva Salviuolo
Assistants: Miss Joan Zitka
Mrs. Eva Casavant
Mr. William Nickerson

Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor: Miss Pauline Roy
Assistants: Miss Charlotte Henderson
Mr. Lawrence Simonds

River Street Playgrqund

Supervisor: Mrs. Clara Reed
Assistants: Miss Barbara Quigley
Mr. Jean Paul Casaubon

Meetings

There was always a scheduled staff meeting every Monday morning at 8 A. M. to discuss present problems, to visualize plans for the remainder of the season, to outline various contemplated activities, and to secure materials needed for the proper completion of the arts and crafts.

V-J Day interfered with the final annual picnic and staff meeting usually held at Roseland Park where a summary of the season's activities are usually presented, plans for the future playground

sessions are outlined, and suggestions for the betterment of playgrounds are given.

Accidents

I am indeed sorry to report the first major playground accident in my two years as playground director.

Although there was supervision, this young girl dashed from out of nowhere in front of the high swings at River Street School and was hit just above the left eye. The blow made quite a gash that had to be stitched by the attendant at the hospital. After one week, this little girl had fully recovered and was back on the playground. We were all very thankful that this unfortunate accident did not develop any more seriously.

Daily Program

Each daily program was planned according to the group present and games were adapted to the different age groups.

The taking of attendance was always the first step of every morning and afternoon session.

The inspection of apparatus and grounds, the marking of courts, the posting and making of announcements were always done at the beginning of the morning and afternoon session.

Various activity games, group games, quiet games, story telling, and arts and crafts formed the largest part of the day's program.

Rainy Day Program

Weekly movies	Quiet and active indoor games
Arts and Crafts	Folk dancing
Group singing	Story telling

Sports Schedules

Daily sports activities consisted of use of apparatus including slides, swings, jungle gyms, and parallel bars. The numerous activity games included basketball, football, horseshoes, table-tennis, paddle-tennis, darts, handball, and soccer, with inter-playground schedules in volley-ball, baseball, softball, punchball, badminton.

All playgrounds had sand-box work and various crafts for the younger children including block games, jig-saw puzzles, color crayons and ready outlined pictures to color. Activity group and singing games were always enjoyed by this younger group.

Playground Champion

West Street School Playground

The playground champion was again determined by a point system and the largest number of points garnered by each playground during the season served to decide the winner of the "Southbridge Playground Champions" banner. Points 5-3-1 for first, second, and third places respectively for baseball, softball, punchball, volleyball, badminton, dodge ball, and each event of the Field Day which took place during the final week of the playground session added to the points won at the swimming meet served to determine the winner of the banner.

The total number of points garnered by each playground during the summer follows:

West Street	249	Eastford Road	108
Charlton Street	242	River Street	114

Water Sprinklers

For the first time since the summer playgrounds have been in operation, we have been able to purchase water sprinklers for the amusement of the young children. These proved to be a worthwhile investment when one could see a group of young tots merrily playing under the cool water. This added device brought many more children to the playgrounds on those hot, sunny afternoons, instead of their dashing to these dangerous unsupervised neighborhood ponds and brooks.

Arts and Crafts

Arts and crafts were especially stressed again this year with the result that a larger number of articles and a larger number of different articles were noticed. Crafts are stressed for two important reasons: First, it gives the children a chance to learn to make all kinds of different useful articles, and second, it gives them the assurance that they can do things. One should notice their pride when they come to you to show you what they have done with their own little hands. Craft activities were so planned and craft materials were so selected that each age group was kept busy with some little article to do.

The following tabulation will give an account of the work done by the playground pupils this summer:

There were 41 different craft projects for a total of 1511 articles made during the six weeks of the playground season. The articles made are divided in the following manner:

480 Sewing cards (varied patterns for little girls)	12 Sets of curtain pulls
316 Colored pictures (landscapes, birds, children of other lands)	11 Marble bags
105 Wooden bead necklaces	8 Yarn novelties
92 Waffle mats	7 Pocketbooks
67 Baskets (sewing, trays of various sizes, flower, salt and pepper, ash trays, and many other varied designs)	6 Dutch hats
58 Tam-O'Shanters	5 Felt Bean Bags
58 Macaroni bead necklaces	5 Embroidered table runners
43 Embroidered towels	5 Linoleum cutting designs
42 Stuffed animals	5 Fascinators
23 Woven hats	4 Hat holders
23 Large table mats	3 Broom skirts
22 Wooden bead belts	3 Bags for knitting
19 Wooden bead bracelets	3 Kinds of place cards
14 Aprons	3 Waste paper baskets
14 Clay models	2 Scrapbooks
13 Embroidered bureau scarfs	2 Pins
13 Pot holders	2 Knitting boxes
12 Macaroni bead bracelets	2 Lamp shades
	2 Woven rugs
	2 Embroidered tablecloths
	2 Yarn belts
	2 Pin cushions
	1 Pair of knitted mittens

Water Day

Approximately 700 children attended the annual playground water day held at the municipal swimming pool on July 31. Swimming, swimming races and diving were enjoyed by every boy and girl present. Two of the regular lifeguards at the pool were on duty to insure the safety of the children so that no fatal accidents would occur to mar the success of the day.

Following the water activities, each playground divided into its own group with its supervisor and assistants to enjoy a picnic. Inter-playground volleyball and other group games were enjoyed after lunch, before the children returned to the water.

The water activities of the day were as follows:

- Boys 12-16: Plunge for distance, 50-yard swim, 25-yard backstroke, under water swimming and form diving.
- Boys 8-12: Plunge for distance, 25-yard swim, 10-yard backstroke, under water swimming, flutter board race.
- Girls 12-16: Plunge for distance, 25-yard swim, form diving, 15-yard backstroke.
- Girls 8-12: Plunge for distance, 15-yard swim, flutter board race.

Track Meet

The final main event of the Southbridge School Playgrounds of 1945 took place on Tuesday, August 14, when boys and girls from each of the four playgrounds vied for honors in a series of track events and feature contests at Dresser Street Field. The track meet started at 9 A. M. and ended at 3:30 P. M.

Over 1000 children, who comprised this year's playground enrollment were eligible to compete in the track meet. Blue, Red, and Yellow ribbons for first, second, and third placers in each event respectively, were awarded to the winners.

The events of the day follow:

- Boys 13-16: 220-yard relay, 440-yard relay, 100-yard dash, 440-yard run, high jump, running broad jump, ball throwing, bicycle race, obstacle race.
- Boys 8-13: Wheelbarrow race, bag race, 100-yard dash, 50-yard dash, 220-yard relay, high jump, running broad jump, bicycle race.
- Girls 13-16: 100-yard dash, 50-yard dash, 220-yard relay, 440-yard relay, high jump, running broad jump, bicycle race, bag race, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race.
- Girls 8-13: 25-yard dash, three-legged race, bag race, wheelbarrow race, high jump, running broad jump, 220-yard relay.

The blueberry pie-eating contest which is usually a feature attraction for each one of the age groups had to be omitted this year because the incomparable blueberry pies were not available anywhere.

The director, supervisors, and assistants at the playgrounds acted as judges, measurers, and starters at each event.

Waste Paper Drive

The waste paper drive this year was under the direction of the Summer Playground Staff which received and recorded all collections.

Again the most important and highly contested activity of the playground season was the collection of all waste paper and magazines from the Southbridge homes. The results of this year's drive were not quite as high as last year's record-breaking drive, but the children again deserve a lot of credit for making it a huge success. In fact the children from the four playgrounds reached an amazing collection total of 97,763 pounds of waste paper.

We were all well pleased with the fine spirit the children showed. They realized that this was their contribution to the war effort, and they were determined to make a go of it. The boys and

girls got the best of the campaign right from the beginning, and again demonstrated that they could be depended upon in a pinch.

As a reward for their hard and successful work, the playground staff awarded prizes to each pupil in accordance with the number of pounds of paper each one had taken in. Grand prizes were given to the three top collectors in town, with a special prize to each boy or girl who collected the largest amount for his playground. In addition, softballs were given to children who collected between 500 and 1000 pounds. All other children who participated were given a free admission to the Strand. A cup of ice cream was also given to each one who had collected paper regardless of the amount.

The winning playground was Charlton Street with 42,734 pounds, River Street had 22,311 pounds, Eastford Road 21,777 pounds, and West Street had a total of 10,841 pounds.

The climax of the whole campaign came when everyone who had collected over 1000 pounds of paper was entitled to a free trip to Boston to witness a big league baseball game. However, on the day scheduled for the trip, the weather was not very promising early in the morning, but the boys and girls decided to make the trip regardless. As we neared Boston, our hopes of seeing a baseball game faded more and more as the rain kept falling in increasing amounts.

Upon our arrival at Fenway Park, our hopes vanished when we saw "Game postponed; rain." The boys and girls were indeed for a little while very low in spirits.

Another program was mapped out much to their satisfaction, and a very good time was had by all despite the weather. The whole group (62 in all) first enjoyed a 20-mile ride in the Boston elevated and subway trains. This was a real treat to most of them since the majority had never gone out of Southbridge.

Following this trip, each one of the playground staff was assigned four or five children for whom he or she was responsible. Each small group decided on which motion picture it wished to see and proceeded to go with its instructor.

At the specified time, everyone was on hand and accounted for, so we all paraded to a nearby restaurant. Needless to say, we nearly filled that restaurant. For such a large group of children, it was really a beautiful sight to see how well each one behaved while eating, thus, again, showing that our Southbridge children are quite well-mannered after all.

The boys and girls of Southbridge gave their best to put the drive over and they certainly did. Thank you boys and girls.

On behalf of the playground staff, and the children of the town, I wish to thank the Southbridge Salvage Committee for their donation of \$300 to be added to our \$342 netted from the paper drive for the purchase of new swings and slides. Again, many thanks to every member of the Salvage Committee for their very generous gift.

May I, personally, state my appreciation to everyone who has assisted me, directly or indirectly, in making the 1945 playground season a very successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL LATAILLE

Director of Playgrounds

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended

Dec. 31, 1945

RECEIPTS

1945

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	8,688.00	
Personal	86,622.42	
Real Estate	449,338.20	
Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>11,275.51</u>	555,924.13

Previous Years:

Poll	14.00	
Personal	761.89	
Real Estate	22,794.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>104.60</u>	23,674.89

From State:

Income Tax	56,092.85	
Business - Corporation Tax ..	<u>68,278.60</u>	124,371.45

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	13,635.00	
Peddlers, Hawkers and Junk ..	151.00	
Sunday Store	219.00	
Common Victualers and Inn- holders	156.00	
Pool, Billiard and Bowling ..	94.00	
Pasteurizing, Milk and Oleomargarine	121.00	
Auto Dealers	17.00	
Auctioneers	4.00	
Taxis and Drivers	211.00	
Firearms	56.00	
All Others	<u>24.00</u>	14,688.00

Permits:

Garage	14.50	
Gas and Motor Oil.....	21.50	
Kerosene and Fuel Oil	---	
All Others (Circus Permit) ..	<u>25.00</u>	61.00

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines		581.00
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Grants and Gifts: - State

Vocational and American Education & English Speak- ing Classes	20,518.95	
Vocational Education of De- fense Workers	254.75	
George Deen School Fund	2,197.50	
Smith Hughes School Fund ...	3,148.43	
Highway Distribution Fund ..	17,837.13	
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax.	<u>2,099.18</u>	46,055.94

GENERAL REVENUE (Continued)

County - Dog Licenses	1,977.97
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Highway Aid:

State and County - Chapter 90:	--
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Federal - Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Dependent Children ...	2,970.36	
Old Age Assistance	<u>32,613.32</u>	35,583.68

Federal Housing Projects in lieu of 1944 and 1945 Taxes.		8,086.39
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All Other General Revenue:

Tax Demands	145.95	
Redemption of Deed	6.00	
Tax Title Redeemed	123.63	
Warranty Deed Property	<u>25.00</u>	<u>300.58</u>

Total General Revenue		811,305.03
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Departmental

General Government:

Selectmen	6.20	
Collector	5.00	
Town Hall Rental	<u>1,719.00</u>	<u>1,730.20</u>

Total General Government		1,730.20
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Protection of Persons and Property

Police:

Station Rental	1,300.00	
Sale of Automobile - '42 Ford	956.00	
Telephone Toll Calls	<u>17.30</u>	2,273.30

Fire:

Sale of Old Materials	100.05	
Recharging of Fire Extinguishers	<u>4.75</u>	104.80

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Sealing Fees of 1944		61.70
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Ambulance Fees:		<u>945.00</u>
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Total Protection of Persons & Property		3,384.80
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Health and Sanitation:

Health and Sanitation:

Contagious Diseases	663.06	
Tuberculosis	942.67	
All Others - Goods Sold	<u>2.85</u>	1,608.58

COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Sewer Department:		--
Total Health and Sanitation ..		1,608.58
Highways:		
Rental of Equipment	2,000.50	
Total Highways		2,000.50
Public Welfare and Soldiers' Benefits:		
Temporary Aid - Reimbursements		
From Cities and Towns	516.40	
From State	5,847.92	
From Individuals	<u>454.54</u>	6,818.86
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Reimbursements		
From State		3,673.15
Old Age Assistance		
Reimbursements		
From State	37,854.17	
From Cities and Towns	<u>1,059.13</u>	38,913.30
Child Welfare Service		
Reimbursements		
From State	550.90	
From Towns	<u>780.00</u>	1,330.90
Soldiers' Benefits		
State Aid	620.00	
Military Aid	355.00	
2nd War Allowance	50.00	
Cities and Towns	<u>20.00</u>	1,045.00
Total Public Welfare & Soldiers' Benefits		51,781.21
Schools and Libraries:		
Schools:		
Tuition - Cole Trade, High and Elementary Schools ..	6,473.85	
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	--	
Sale of Books and Supplies	376.63	
Veterans Vocation Tuition.	<u>101.13</u>	6,951.61
Libraries:		
Fines and Sales	<u>1,169.03</u>	
Total Schools and Libraries ..		8,120.64
Unclassified:		
Sale of Buildings at Air- port Site	461.60	
Sale of 5500 Paper Bags ..	16.50	
Land Rental-Federal Housing	<u>3.00</u>	481.10
Total Unclassified		<u>481.10</u>
Total Departmental Revenue ...		69,107.03

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Sewer Assessments:

Sewers added to Taxes	128.78	
Unapportioned Sewers	1,494.04	
Paid in Advance	<u>--</u>	1,622.82

Sidewalk Assessments:

Sidewalks Added to Taxes .	83.38	
Unapportioned Sidewalks ..	--	
Paid in Advance	<u>--</u>	83.38

Total Assessments Revenue		1,706.20
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CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots and Graves ..	330.00	
Graves Opened	425.00	
Foundation Installed	<u>27.00</u>	782.00

Total Cemetery Revenue		782.00
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INTEREST

On Deferred Taxes	614.43	
Tax Title Redeemed	<u>9.00</u>	623.43

Special Assessments:

Sidewalks	6.33	
Sewers	<u>11.73</u>	18.06

On Motor Vehicle Excise		1.40
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On Trust and Investment Funds:

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	57.50	
Mary Mynott (Library)	<u>20.00</u>	77.50
Cemetery Funds (General Care)		<u>1,800.15</u>

Total Interest Revenue		2,520.54
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	<u>300,000.00</u>
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Total Loan Revenue	300,000.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

Dog License Fees - County.	1,832.00	
Federal Tax on Employees' Wages	42,116.35	
Blue Cross	<u>1,386.12</u>	45,334.47

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care ..	350.00	
Post War Rehabilitation ..	<u>2,596.20</u>	<u>2,946.20</u>

Total Agency, Trust and Investment		48,280.67
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

General Departments:

Engineer	19.25	
Highway	21.92	
Highway - Road Machinery	75.37	
Schools	54.86	
Public Welfare	81.00	
Aid to Dependent Children..	22.85	
Old Age Assistance	302.26	
Old Age Assistance - Federal Grant	169.65	
National Defense .....	.19	
2nd World War Honor Roll .	2.00	
Audit Workmens' Compensation & Liability Insurance	340.74	
Insurance Account	<u>376.92</u>	1,467.01
Transfer:		<u>77.78</u>
Total Refunds and Transfer ...		<u>1,544.79</u>
Total Revenue		1,235,246.26
Cash on Hand - January 1, 1945		<u>417,097.23</u>
		<u>1,652,343.49</u>

EXPENDITURES

1945

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator:		<u>60.00</u>	60.00
Finance or Appropriation Committee:			
Postage	8.50		
Association Dues	10.00		
Travel Expenses	<u>18.15</u>	<u>36.65</u>	36.65
Selectmen:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Chairman	550.00		
2 Members	900.00		
Assistant Clerk	1,340.00		
Additional Clerks	<u>--</u>	2,790.00	
Other Expenses:			
Office Supplies, Station- ery & Postage	155.60		
Printing and Advertising ..	72.37		
Travel, Mileage, Meals etc.	--		
Telephones	230.29		
Office Equipment & Main- tenance	9.46		
New Office Equipment - Typewriter	103.95		
Taxi Drivers' Badges	32.97		
Miscellaneous & Associa- tion Dues	<u>9.00</u>	613.64	
Sale of Airport Buildings ...		25.00	
State Census		312.88	
War Effort & Service Expenses:			
War Bond Drives:			
Meals for Infantry Concert, Cavalcades & Salvo's of 1945	309.06		
Printing	6.75		
Room Accommodations	76.96		
Piano Tuning	8.00		
Victory Garden Stakes	<u>57.70</u>	<u>458.47</u>	4,199.99
Accountant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Accountant	2,700.00		
Clerk	673.40		
Clerical Assistants	<u>74.90</u>	3,448.30	
Other Expenses:			
Office Supplies, Station- ery & Postage	164.79		
Binding and Printing	57.67		
Telephone	35.00		
Equipment and Maintenance .	27.31		
Association Dues	20.00		
Travel Expenses	31.98		
Periodical Subscriptions ..	<u>4.00</u>	<u>340.75</u>	3,789.05

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Treasurer:

Salaries and Wages:

Treasurer	2,050.00	
Clerk	1,359.50	
Other Clerks	49.23	3,458.73

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery & Postage	373.67	
Printing and Advertising ..	139.60	
Equipment and Maintenance .	73.64	
Telephone	40.16	
Surety Bonds and Insurance.	353.74	
Certification of Notes	8.00	
Travel Expenses	9.41	
Flourescent Light Bulbs ...	3.25	1,001.47
		4,460.20

Tax Collector:

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	2,600.00	
Clerk	1,350.00	3,950.00

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery & Postage	576.86	
Printing and Advertising ..	253.58	
Telephone	46.10	
Surety Bonds and Insurance.	458.68	
Equipment and Maintenance .	32.54	
Deputy Collectors' Fees ...	42.00	
Tax Taking and Recording Expenses	4.60	
Association Dues and Travel Expenses	38.54	
Collector's Local Travel ..	75.00	
Miscellaneous	--	1,527.90
		5,477.90

Assessors:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors - 2 Members	900.00	
Clerk of Board	2,600.00	
Clerical Assistance	900.00	4,400.00

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery & Postage	30.86	
Printing, Advertising and Binding	91.85	
Auto Hire	225.00	
Other Traveling Expenses and Association Dues	50.94	
Telephone	38.75	
New Addressograph - Advertising for Bids	4.75	
Equipment and Maintenance .	31.13	
Registry of Deeds - Abstracts, etc.	167.26	
Publications	12.00	652.54
		5,052.54

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Law:

Salary of Town Counsel		1,200.00	
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Other Expenses:

Witness Fees	--		
Travel Expenses	2.00		
Office Supplies	--		
Association Dues	10.00		
Telephone	1.30		
Photographic Expenses	5.00	18.30	
			1,218.30

Town Clerk:

Salaries and Wages:

Town Clerk	1,500.00		
Clerical Assistant	457.00	1,957.00	

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery & Postage	130.71		
Printing and Advertising ..	35.85		
Telephone	81.33		
Surety Bonds and Insurance.	15.00		
New Equipment - Typewriter and Chair	127.05		
Equipment and Maintenance .	65.38		
Association Dues and Travel Expenses	24.16		
Miscellaneous	--	479.48	
			2,436.48

Election and Registration:

Salaries and Wages:

3 Registrars	300.00		
Clerk of Board	150.00	450.00	
Election Officers, Counters and Tellers	698.50		
All Others	44.00	742.50	

Other Expenses - Election:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	19.56		
Printing and Advertising ..	197.21		
Meals	170.00	386.77	

Other Expenses - Re-Listing:

Salaries and Wages:

Office Clerical	796.88		
Assistant Registrars	617.85	1,414.73	

Expenses - Relisting:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	138.51		
Printing-Poll List Books 1M.	329.28		
Print-Master Cards 3M	42.15		
Typewriter Rental	4.50		
Taxi Fares	12.18	526.62	
			3,520.62

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Engineering:

Salaries and Wages:

Engineers:

J. G. Clarke	426.40	
H. A. Racicot	2,557.42	
Assistant Engineer	2,450.20	
Helper and Assistants	1,117.53	
Clerical Assistants	175.55	6,727.10

Office Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery, Printing and Postage	170.88	
Office Equipment & Maintenance	33.25	
Telephone	43.46	247.59

Field Expenses:

Materials and Supplies	51.23	
Mileage and Travel	384.30	
New Equipment & Maintenance.	193.05	
Cement Bounds	75.00	703.58

Town Hall:

Salaries and Wages:

Janitor	2,495.00	
Helpers	5.00	2,500.00

Other Expenses:

Fuel	1,553.05	
Lights	764.71	
Janitor's Supplies	284.80	
Repairs	867.14	
Telephone	16.73	
Storm Windows, Removal and Setting-up	34.00	
Emergency Lights	240.00	
Water	52.01	
Setting-up Booths	31.00	
Miscellaneous	12.00	3,855.44
		6,355.44

Planning Board:

Dues and Advertising	38.81	38.81
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Rationing Board:

Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	64.65	
Telephone	357.51	
Equipment and Maintenance ..	15.96	
Travel	--	
Advertising	--	
Subscription - Southbridge News	9.00	447.12
		447.12

Retirement Board:

Administration:	925.00	925.00
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Total General Government 45,696.37

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	3,300.00	
Patrolmen	36,684.00	
Special Police	4,389.68	
Caretaker of Station	1,641.14	
Labor-Painting Street Lines	<u>154.90</u>	46,169.72

Equipment and Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	858.55	
Gas, Oil, etc.	868.04	
Equipment for Men	40.56	
Photography & Fingerprinting	39.04	
Radio Equipment & Maintenance	174.75	
Additional Equipment	<u>--</u>	1,980.94

New Automobile:

Advertising for Bids		5.25
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Fuel and Lights:

Fuel	502.53	
Lights	<u>298.19</u>	800.72

Maintenance of Building & Grounds:

Repairs - Building & Heating System	290.19	
Janitor's Supplies	125.90	
Water Service	35.45	
Rubbish Removal	27.30	
Tree Planting	<u>19.50</u>	498.34

Officers' and Prisoners' Expenses:

Officer's Travel	11.97	
Matron and Guards	37.00	
Feeding and Medical Care ...	<u>341.50</u>	390.47

Traffic Control:

Labor (See Salary and Wages) ..	--	
Signs, Posts, Paints, etc. .		501.67

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies ..	89.25	
Advertising - Sale of Old Car ..	5.25	
Telephones & Police Signals ..	1,245.68	
Office Equipment	9.00	
Association Dues & Travel ..	15.00	
Officers' Meals - V-J Day ..	<u>4.45</u>	<u>1,368.63</u>
		51,715.74

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	3,080.00	
Deputy Call Chief	400.00	
Permanent Firemen	36,619.34	
Call Men	4,905.00	
Superintendent of Alarms	350.00	
Assistant Clerk of Fire Dept. .	100.00	
Other Employees-See Hydrant .		
Service	--	45,454.34

Equipment, New and Additional:

Equipment of Men	14.87	
Accessories and Supplies	36.49	
Shop Equipment	88.43	
Hose Supplies & Equipment ...	<u>118.32</u>	258.11

Equipment Maintenance & Repairs:

Radio Equipment & Maintenance	62.08	
Apparatus Repairs	335.61	
Gas and Oil	294.65	
Alarm Boxes, etc.	475.26	
New Fire Alarm System -		
Continuation from 1944	116.08	
Materials & Supplies	<u>94.87</u>	1,378.55

Hydrant Service:

Shoveling Hydrants	80.10	
Hydrant Service	<u>15,482.50</u>	15,562.60

Fuel, Lights & Water:

Fuel	802.75	
Lights	375.18	
Water	<u>49.25</u>	1,227.18

Maintenance of Building & Grounds:

Repairs	152.10	
Furniture & Furnishings	131.59	
Laundry	70.42	
Stocker for Boiler	125.00	
Janitor's Supplies & All Others	<u>310.03</u>	789.14

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Printing & Postage.	42.68	
Telephone	148.26	
Office Equipment & Maintenance	27.00	
Travel Expenses	91.13	
Travel Expenses-Out of State.	15.10	
Training School Expenses	53.40	
Association Dues	3.00	
Fire Prevention Posters, etc.	<u>31.83</u>	412.40

Forest Fire:

65,082.32

Salaries and Wages:

Warden	200.00	
Fighting Fires	64.25	
Patrolling	<u>57.60</u>	321.85

Other Expenses:			
Auto Rental-For Fire Patrol	15.96		
Gasoline and Oil	31.50		
Hose	411.60		
Apparatus Maintenance & Accessories	176.86		
Materials & Supplies	25.22		
Miscellaneous	1.05	662.19	
			984.04
Ambulance:			
New Stretcher & Blankets .	74.50		
Repairs and Maintenance ..	196.00		
Gasoline and Oil	38.68		
Materials and Supplies ...	13.64		
Drivers' Expenses	10.70	333.52	
			333.52
Sealer of Weights and Measurers:			
Salary of Sealer		1,300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Advertising	1.75		
Materials and Supplies ...	31.95		
Travel Allowance	300.00		
Equipment and Maintenance.	8.36		
Moving Expenses	1.50	343.56	
			1,643.56
Game Warden:			
Salary		100.00	100.00
Dog Officers:			
Salaries		--	
Other Expenses:			
Board and Feed	303.20		
Killing and Burying	90.00	393.20	
			393.20
Street Lighting:			
Street Lights	14,443.17		
Traffic Lights - Central, Hamilton and East Main Streets	187.81	14,630.98	
			14,630.98
Animal Inspector:			
Salary		125.00	
Other Expenses:			
Postage and Supplies	1.04		
Mileage for Travel	47.60	48.64	
			173.64
Building Inspector:			
Salary of Inspector		300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Dues	2.00		
Printing, Stationery & Postage	21.91		
Travel Allowance	52.00	75.91	
			375.91

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Wire Inspector:

Salary of Inspector		300.00	
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Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery &			
Postage	3.00		
Travel Allowance	60.00		
Telephone30	63.30	
			363.30

Planting and Trimming Trees:

Salaries and Wages:

Tree Warden	249.00		
Labor	<u>137.95</u>	386.95	

Other Expenses:

Hardware and Tools	--		
Tree Fertilizer	3.00		
Tree Planted	24.00		
Truck Rental	336.00		
Materials and Supplies ..	<u>--</u>	363.00	

Removal of Trees

Elm Street - At Cedar St.	85.00		
Main Street - At A T Wells	75.00		
Main Street - At First			
National Stores	180.00		
Dresser Street - At Play-			
grounds	50.50		
Newell Avenue - At D E	15.50		
Hobson	15.50		
Oak Ridge Avenue	<u>300.00</u>	706.00	
			1,455.95

Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth
Extermination:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	112.00		
Labor	<u>115.10</u>	227.10	

Other Expenses:

Truck Rental		<u>172.50</u>	
			399.60

Total Protection of Persons and Property

137,651.76

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health	330.00	
Board Physician	330.00	
School Physician	770.00	
Agent	550.00	
Nurse	1,848.00	
Plumbing Inspector	2,079.00	
Food and Provision In- spector	110.00	
Milk Inspector	137.00	
Slaughtering Inspector	385.00	
Dentists-Dental Clinic	700.00	7,239.00
Podiatrist		250.00
Clerical Assistants		197.54

Other Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	71.76	
Printing and Advertising ..	216.70	
Telephone	56.65	
Typist - T B Clinics and Clerical Assistant - See General Administration ...		
Office Equipment and Main- tenance	15.00	360.11

Quarantine, Contagious Diseases
and Tuberculosis:

Board and Care-Quarantine ..	50.00	
Medical Attendance	175.50	
Drugs & Medical Supplies ...	--	
Dry Goods and Clothings ...	18.31	
Groceries and Provisions ..	--	
Cash Aid	172.86	
Hospitals	116.00	
Cities and Towns	--	
Miscellaneous	5.53	
State & County Sanitoriums .	1,943.00	2,481.20

Vital Statistics:

Birth Returns	98.00	
Death Returns	37.75	135.75

Inspectors' Expenses:

Travel-Plumbing Inspector .	70.30	
Association Dues-Plumbing .	1.00	
Travel-Food & Provisions ..	49.75	
Travel-Milk Inspector	55.00	
Association Dues-Milk	2.00	
Materials & Supplies-Milk Inspector	2.06	
Travel-Nurse	52.15	
Travel-Slaughtering Inspector	375.00	
Supplies-Slaughtering "	1.90	609.16

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Dental Clinic Supplies: ...		23.18	
School Children Expenses: .		.95	
Milk Laboratory:			
Equipment and Maintenance.	--		
Other Expenses:			
Association Dues & Travel.	17.00		
Laundry	2.98		
Printed Cloth Signs	<u>24.00</u>	43.98	
Garbage Collection:			
Contract		<u>4,500.00</u>	15,840.87
Sewer Maintenance Department:			
Administration:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Commissioners	225.00		
Caretaker	<u>2,049.60</u>	2,274.60	
Administration Expenses:			
Stationery, Postage & Sup- plies	5.00		
Telephone	59.52		
Miscellaneous	<u>1.00</u>	65.52	
General Expenses:			
Tools and Equipment	41.43		
Pipe, Fittings & Supplies.	.94		
Manholes Repaired	146.20		
Repairs to Sewer Lines ...	<u>32.40</u>	220.97	
Building and Grounds:			
Building, Repairs & Mater- ials	--		
Fuel and Lights		17.64	
Cleaning Catch Basins:		18.30	
Truck and Tractor Maintenance:			
Gas, Oil and Repairs	317.13		
Garage Rent	<u>48.00</u>	<u>365.13</u>	2,962.16
Total Health and Sanitation ..			<u>18,803.03</u>

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

HIGHWAYS, SNOW AND ICE

General Administration:

Salary of Commissioners ..	450.00	
Salary of Superintendent .	<u>2,200.00</u>	2,650.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Sup- plies	44.28	
Telephone	154.08	
Equipment & Maintenance ..	<u>20.00</u>	218.36

General Maintenance:

Labor and Clerk Operator .	15,127.17	
Truck Hire	240.90	
Equipment and Repairs	791.59	
Equipment Rental	692.25	
Crushed Stone, Gravel etc.	683.62	
Travis, Road Oil etc.	4,711.18	
Other Road Materials & Sup- plies	1,170.13	
First Aid Supplies	77.97	
Patching Moon and Cross Streets - Entrance Curbs.	206.38	
Catch Basins Repaired	155.18	
Removal of Elm St Tree Stumps	140.25	
Miscellaneous	<u>6.00</u>	24,002.62

Automotive and Road Machinery:

Repairs and Maintenance ..	5,104.02	
Gas, Oil etc.	2,994.89	
Miscellaneous	<u>53.05</u>	8,151.96

New Road Machinery:

Compressor	2,148.50	
Compressor - Air Hammer ..	215.00	
Cleveland Rock Air Drill .	206.46	
4 Wheel Drive Dump Truck .	4,500.00	
4 Frink Snow Plows	<u>1,713.20</u>	8,783.16

Buildings and Grounds:

Maintenance and Repairs ..	19.16	
Fuel, Lights and Water ...	395.68	
Equipment - (Stove)	<u>24.50</u>	<u>439.34</u>
		44,245.44

Town Dump and Rubbish:

Labor	1,213.00	
Rental of Town Dump	125.00	
Rubbish Collection - Labor	<u>2,286.05</u>	<u>3,624.05</u>
		3,624.05

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor and Clerk Operator .	8,173.65	
Rental of Power Shovel ...	282.20	
Team Hire	13.00	
Cal Chloride Salt	272.26	
Sand	75.55	
Food and Meals	<u>163.20</u>	<u>8,979.86</u>
		8,979.86

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Chapter 90 Maintenance - State and
County Aid No. 9455

North Woodstock Road:

Labor	69.39	
Truck Hire	13.50	
Stone	367.63	
Pipe	<u>29.37</u>	479.89

Dresser Hill Road:

Labor	671.33	
Truck Hire	177.80	
Machinery Rental	421.38	
Gravel	173.00	
Pipe	343.14	
Concrete Block	33.60	
Cold Patch	188.33	
Catch Basins	<u>12.00</u>	<u>2,020.58</u>
		<u>2,500.47</u>

Total Highways		59,349.82
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00	
Supervisor	780.00	
Clerks	<u>724.00</u>	1,954.00

General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	60.09	
Telephones	96.42	
Mileage & Travel Allowance	352.09	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	--	
Miscellaneous	<u>3.50</u>	512.10

General Relief:

Groceries and Provisions .	4,839.53	
Fuel and Lights	655.33	
Medicine and Medical Care.	1,892.52	
Hospital Care	1,707.34	
Rent	1,239.00	
Clothing	319.37	
Cash Grants	5,375.90	
Board and Care (Local) ...	1,405.00	
State Institutions	4,974.21	
Private Institutions	727.00	
Household Furniture and Moving	--	
Burials	525.00	
Electric Power at Infirmary	46.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2.00</u>	23,708.20

Relief by Other Cities and Towns:

Cities	188.80	
Towns	<u>575.64</u>	764.44

Truck Expenses:

Gas and Oil	65.41	
Repairs and Maintenance ..	22.65	
Registration	<u>2.50</u>	90.56
		27,029.30

Aid to Dependent Children

Town Appropriation:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	440.00	
Clerk	<u>340.00</u>	780.00

Administration: --
(See Federal Grants)

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	<u>10,322.85</u>	11,102.85
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Aid to Dependent Children:

Federal Grants:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	140.00	
Clerks	<u>572.10</u>	712.10

Administration:

Travel Expenses	45.00	
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	--	
Equipment and Maintenance.	<u>15.00</u>	60.00

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	<u>3,359.60</u>	4,131.70
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Old Age Assistance:

Town Appropriation:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00	
Supervisor	880.00	
Clerks	<u>540.00</u>	1,870.00

Administration Expenses: ..
(See Federal Grants)

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	46,309.12	
Cities and Towns	986.24	
Medical Supplies and Miscellaneous	<u>6.90</u>	<u>47,302.26</u>
		49,172.26

Old Age Assistance:

Federal Grants:

Salaries and Wages

Supervisor	500.00	
Clerk	<u>535.10</u>	1,035.10

Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	142.82	
Travel Allowance	12.53	
Telephone	<u>52.19</u>	207.54

Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	34,053.55	
Cities and Towns	<u>379.68</u>	<u>34,433.23</u>
		35,675.87

Child Welfare Service:

Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor	1,902.00	
Clerks	<u>563.22</u>	2,465.22

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Office Expenses:

Stationery, Postage & Supplies	34.33	
Telephone	<u>94.75</u>	129.08

Field & Convention Expenses:

Mileage and Travel	<u>425.80</u>	3,020.10
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Infirmary:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	1,800.00	
Other Employees	<u>28.50</u>	1,828.50

Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions ..	2,344.29	
Clothing and Household Furnishings	219.43	
Building & Maintenance	470.99	
Fuel, Lights and Water	729.87	
Hospital, Medical Care and Supplies	265.47	
Telephone	40.06	
Miscellaneous	<u>27.28</u>	<u>4,097.39</u>
		5,925.89

Soldiers' Benefits:

General Administration:

Salary of Agent	824.00	
Clerical Assistants	<u>432.00</u>	1,256.00
Stationery, Postage, Printing and Supplies	58.85	
Travel and Mileage	<u>503.24</u>	562.09

Relief Benefits:

State Aid - Cash Grants ...	440.00	
Military Aid - Cash Grants.	360.00	
War Allowance - 2nd World War - Cash Grants	<u>1,123.75</u>	1,923.75
Fuel and Lights	810.26	
Groceries and Provisions ..	770.23	
Cash Grants and Rent	4,667.55	
Medical and Hospital Care .	2,979.83	
Clothing, etc.	<u>72.09</u>	<u>9,299.96</u>
		13,041.80

Veteran's Rehabilitation:

Administration:

Clerk Hire	543.55	
Stationery and Supplies ...	<u>5.93</u>	<u>549.48</u>
		549.48

Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits		149,649.25
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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Code Schools:

General Control:

Salaries:

150	Superintendent	5,159.27	
156	Superintendent's Clerk	1,985.18	
157	Extra Clerical	49.50	
401	Attendance Officer ...	385.20	
103	School Census	<u>116.16</u>	7,695.31

Expenses:

160	Supplies	194.87	
180	Printing	66.60	
181	Travel Expenses	31.78	
181A	Auto Expense	421.73	
181B	Supervisors' & Confer- ences Travel	97.45	
182	Telephone	187.30	
182A	Books, Periodicals & Postage	25.79	
182B	Equipment & Maintenance	<u>114.46</u>	<u>1,139.98</u>
			8,835.29

Total General Control

High School:

Instruction Salaries:

220	Principal	4,432.01	
225	Principal's Clerk	1,404.54	
226	Extra Clerical	245.06	
240	Teachers	39,713.81	
245	Substitute Teachers ..	<u>1,251.19</u>	47,046.61

Instruction Expenses:

210	Supervision Travel ...	77.95	
211	Research Activities ..	14.00	
235	Printing, Supplies, Postage, etc.	98.17	
250	Text & Reference Books.	1,148.74	
270	Supplies	3,958.70	
283	Supplementary Books ..	51.77	
290	Commencement Expenses.	126.92	
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equipment	<u>378.58</u>	5,854.83

Operation of Plant:

Salaries:

501	Janitors' Salaries ...	4,851.28	
501A	Extra Helpers'	<u>299.10</u>	5,150.38

Expenses:

510	Janitor's Supplies ...	508.67	
520	Fuel	3,138.01	
530	Water	220.80	
540	Gas & Electricity	1,022.36	
565	Telephone	129.09	
580	Drayage	<u>52.90</u>	5,071.83

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Code Maintenance of Plant

Expenses:

601	Grounds	37.00	
620	Buildings	407.60	
640	Service Systems	737.83	
680	Other Expenses	<u>34.24</u>	1,216.67

Capital Outlay:

930	Building Alterations and Additions	31.54	
965	New Furnishings	375.30	
975	Instruction Apparatus	127.64	
985	Other Expenses	--	
985A	Draw Sash - Painting, etc.	<u>528.65</u>	<u>1,063.13</u>

Total High School

65,303.45

Elementary Schools:

Instruction Salaries:

210A	Writing Service	427.00	
240	Teachers	81,748.44	
245	Substitute Teachers	2,361.76	
245A	Teachers' Courses ...	45.18	
226	Extra Clerical	<u>243.59</u>	84,825.97

Instruction Expenses

210	Supervision Travel ..	292.00	
250	Text & Reference Books	1,982.16	
270	Supplies	3,092.40	
283	Supplementary Books ..	72.46	
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equipment	<u>559.07</u>	5,998.09

Operation of Plant:

Salaries

501	Janitors' Salaries ..	7,724.12	
501A	Extra Helpers	<u>775.30</u>	8,499.42

Expenses:

510	Janitors' Supplies ..	1,328.61	
520	Fuel	4,261.55	
530	Water	267.29	
540	Gas & Electricity ...	1,408.87	
565	Telephone	450.49	
580	Drayage	<u>64.00</u>	7,780.81

Maintenance of Plant:

Expenses:

601	Grounds	27.60	
620	Buildings	623.89	
640	Service Systems	1,270.91	
680	Other Expenses	<u>31.78</u>	1,954.18

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Code	Capital Outlay:		
930	Building Alterations & Additions	42.13	
965	New Furnishings	201.24	
975	Instructional Apparatus	6.25	
985	Other Expenses	115.88	
985A	Draw Sash - Painting, etc.	<u>376.00</u>	<u>741.50</u>
Total Elementary Schools			109,799.97
Elementary Evening School:			
240	Teachers' Salaries	910.00	
Instruction Expenses:			
210	Supervision Travel	1.00	
250	Text and Reference Books	--	
270	Supplies	<u>28.25</u>	29.25
Operation of Plant:			
501	Janitor's Salary		<u>30.00</u>
520	Fuel	--	
540	Gas & Electricity	--	
Total Elementary Evening School			969.25
Domestic Science			
240	Teacher's Salaries	--	
250	Text and Reference Books	--	
270	Supplies	--	
660	Instructional Apparatus	--	
975	Capital Outlay	--	--
Total Domestic Science			--
Continuation School			
240	Teacher's Salaries	158.34	
250	Text and Reference Books		
270	Supplies	<u>6.35</u>	<u>164.69</u>
Total Continuation School			164.69
Household Arts			
240	Teacher's Salaries	2,120.59	
Expenses:			
210	Supervision Travel	1.10	
250	Text & Reference Books .	1.67	
270	Supplies	192.47	
660	Instructional Apparatus	44.22	
	Capital Outlay	<u>9.40</u>	<u>248.86</u>
Total Household Arts			2,369.45

Code Auxiliary Agencies

Pupils:

313	Transportation of Pupils	10,133.26	
360	Tuition to Other Schools	<u>461.44</u>	10,594.70

Medical Services

Salaries:

402	Physician	1,420.10	
404	Nurse	<u>1,453.24</u>	2,873.34

Expenses:

210	Travel for Nurse .	190.00	
270	Supplies	4.50	
405	Telephone	<u>46.25</u>	<u>240.75</u>

Total Auxiliary Agencies			13,708.81
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Summer School

240	Salaries:		
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Total Summer School			--
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Visual Aids

270	Supplies	80.57	
660	Instructional Apparatus60	
965	Furnishings	--	
975	New Equipment ...	<u>--</u>	<u>81.17</u>

Total Visual Aids			81.17
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Retirement for Servicemen		--	--
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Cole Trade School

General Control

Salaries:

220	Director	4,450.00	
225	Director's Clerk .	1,585.80	
226	Assistant Clerk ..	<u>1,434.06</u>	7,469.86

Expenses:

210	Director's Travel.	42.70	
235	Printing, Supplies, Postage, etc. ...	178.79	
182	Telephone	<u>157.55</u>	379.04

Instruction Salaries:

240	Teachers		25,449.49
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EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Code Instruction Expenses:

210A	Supervision Travel	58.68	
250	Text and Reference		
	Books	200.09	
270	Supplies	1,553.66	
290	Commencement Expenses .	58.26	
660	Instructional Appara-		
	tus and Equipment	<u>612.57</u>	2,483.26

Operation of Plant

Salaries:

501	Janitors	2,976.14	
501A	Extra Helpers	<u>33.60</u>	3,009.74

Expenses:

510	Janitors' Supplies	170.32	
520	Fuel	1,205.05	
530	Water	101.09	
540	Gas & Electricity	693.54	
580	Drayage	<u>84.00</u>	2,254.00

Maintenance of Plant

601	Grounds	38.53	
620	Buildings	28.08	
640	Service Systems	676.76	
680	Other Expenses	<u>18.00</u>	761.37

Capital Outlay

930	Building Alteration		
	& Additions	104.29	
965	New Furnishings	33.69	
975	Instructional Apparatus	464.90	
985	Other Expenses	<u>22.50</u>	<u>625.38</u>
			42,432.14

Total Cole Trade School

Cole Trade Evening Extension School

Instruction Salaries:

225	Clerk	56.00	
226	Assistant Clerk	10.50	
240	Teachers	<u>650.60</u>	717.10

Instruction Expenses:

235	Principal's Office Sup-		
	plies	--	
270	Supplies	34.63	
660	Instructional Apparatus	<u>45.00</u>	79.63

Operation of Plant:

501	Janitors' Salaries ..		32.25
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Expenses:

510	Janitors' Supplies ..	--	
520	Fuel	50.00	
540	Gas & Electricity ...	<u>33.00</u>	83.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Code	Capital Outlay		
975	Instructional Apparatus..	--	--
	Total Cole Trade Evening Extension School		<u>911.98</u>
	Summer School		
240	Teachers' Salaries	<u>590.80</u>	
	Total Summer School		<u>590.80</u>
	Total Schools from Town Appropriation		24,517.00
	Smith Hughes Fund		
	Teachers' Salaries:		
240	Continuation Classes	27.00	
240	Household Art Classes ...	289.34	
240	Vocational Classes	3,681.01	
240	Vocational Evening Classes	<u>5.40</u>	<u>4,002.75</u>
	Total Smith Hughes Fund		4,002.75
	George Deen Fund		
	Teachers' Salaries:		
240	Vocational Classes	1,609.45	
240	Practical Arts	<u>300.00</u>	<u>1,909.45</u>
	Total George Deen Fund		1,909.45
	Total Schools Expenditures from Town Appropriation, Smith Hughes and George Deen Funds		<u>251,179.18</u>
	Vocational Education of Defense Workers (Under Direction and Supervision of Cole Trade School)		
	Supervision Salaries:		
	Director	--	
	Clerk	<u>132.00</u>	132.00
	Expenses:		
	Travel and Communications	12.60	
	Office Supplies	<u>--</u>	12.60
	Instruction Salaries:		
	Teachers, Assistants and Janitors	<u>321.00</u>	321.00
	Expenses:		
	Supplies	16.30	
	Building Operation	<u>20.00</u>	<u>36.30</u>
	Total Vocational Education of Defense Workers		501.90

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:

Parks:

Labor	472.25	
Equipment - Painting Flag Poles and New Rope	21.35	
Water Service	<u>6.00</u>	499.60

Playgrounds:

Instructor's Salaries	1,840.00	
Travel Expenses	16.45	
Equipment and Maintenance .	208.72	
Materials and Supplies	316.99	
Sports, Games, Sets, etc. .	<u>230.80</u>	2,612.96

World War Memorial:

Labor	17.02	
Link Fence	155.00	
Spraying	137.30	
Water and Lights	21.83	
Other Expenses	<u>1.10</u>	332.25

Swimming Pool Operation & Maintenance Account:

Instruction's Salaries	1,820.75	
Equipment and Maintenance .	<u>21.00</u>	1,841.75
Advertising	15.00	
Shaping Shoulders & Sanding Same & bottom-Contract ...	<u>3,450.00</u>	3,465.00

2ND World War Honor Roll:

Electric Lighting	19.23	
Materials and Supplies	<u>173.35</u>	<u>192.58</u>

Total Recreation		8,944.14
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Unclassified:

Damage to Persons and Property:	130.52	
Memorial Day Celebration: ...	300.00	
Armistice Day Celebration: ..	150.00	
Jap V Day	300.00	

Printing Town and Finance
Committee Reports:

Town Reports - (1500)	597.50	
Finance Reports - (2500) ..	200.00	
Indexing	<u>37.50</u>	835.00

Pensions (Non-Contributory):

Police - Chapter 32	2,073.24	
Firemen - Chapter 32	1,295.86	
School Janitors (Vet's Act)	<u>1,249.90</u>	4,619.00

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Insurance:

Buildings and Contents:

Fire	4,043.81	
Ware Damage	--	

Automotive Equipment:

Fire, Theft & Collision ..	988.79	
Automotive Equipment		
Liability	1,326.21	

Indemnity Insurance:

Workmen's Compensation &		
Public Liability	2,059.26	
Boiler Explosion Liability	348.84	
Town Hall - Public Liabil-		
ity	216.80	
World War Honor Roll	<u>15.00</u>	8,998.71

Town Clock		50.00
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Water and Ice:

Water	50.34	
Bubblers Repaired	38.29	
Ice	<u>375.00</u>	463.63

1944 Outstanding Bills:

Soldiers' Relief	1,405.28	
Public Welfare	32.00	
Town Dump - Rental	31.25	
Sewer Department	261.98	
Street Lights	<u>19.26</u>	<u>1,749.77</u>

Total Unclassified:		<u>17,596.63</u>
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Total Recreation and Unclassified:		26,540.77
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CEMETERY

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Salaries:

Superintendent	500.00	
Labor	<u>3,697.53</u>	4,197.53

Other Expenses:

Loam, Fertilizer, etc.	258.75	
Flowers and Trees	75.00	
Signs	--	
Equipment, Maintenance and Tools	210.80	
Team Hire	180.00	
Equipment Rental	50.50	
Snow Removal	66.00	
Gasoline and Oil	26.68	
Materials, Supplies and All Others	<u>33.40</u>	901.13

Cemetery Improvement Account 5000 lbs. of Milorganite	<u>70.50</u>	<u>70.50</u>
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Total Cemetery		5,169.16
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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Jacobs Road Drain:

Advertising	13.50	
Contract-Frank J. Shields, Inc.	<u>585.75</u>	599.25

Cross and Hamilton Street Drain:

Advertising	33.00	
Contract-Frank J. Shields, Inc.	<u>2,541.93</u>	2,574.93

Warren Street from Federal Street Drain:

Advertising	13.50	
Contract-Frank J. Shields, Inc.	<u>4,477.00</u>	4,490.50

East Main Street Drain:

Advertising	15.00	
Contract-Frank J. Shields, Inc.	<u>2,528.50</u>	2,543.50

Poplar Street Drain:

Advertising	26.25	
Materials and Supplies:		
Catch Basin, Frames & Curbs ...	288.40	
Contract-Duff Bros., Inc.	<u>244.80</u>	<u>559.45</u>

Total Drains

10,767.63

Pleasant Street Sidewalk:(Westerly side, from W V Tully
northerly beyond J Poirier)

Labor	775.00	
Cement	347.16	
Sand and Gravel	131.50	
Machinery Rental	<u>161.30</u>	1,414.96

Everett Street Sidewalk:(Easterly side, Beecher Street
southerly to Cohasse Brook)

Labor	1,538.25	
Cement	875.72	
Material and Supplies	209.75	
Sand and Gravel	192.25	
Machinery Rental	<u>361.55</u>	3,167.52

Worcester Street Sidewalk:(Westerly side, Henry Street
to Pariseau's Market)

Labor	923.85	
Cement and Insuro	507.54	
Lumber, Sand and Gravel	104.00	
Machinery Rental	<u>274.55</u>	1,809.94

Worcester Street Sidewalk:(Westerly side, Pariseau's
Market to Snow Street)

Labor	436.60	
Materials and Supplies	11.37	
Cement and Insuro	233.54	
Sand and Gravel	53.25	
Machinery Rental	<u>91.10</u>	825.86

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Charlton Street Sidewalk Account:(Southerly side, Sacred Heart Church
westerly to Central Street)

Labor	646.40		
Cement	337.66		
Materials and Supplies	1.65		
Sand and Gravel	42.00		
Machinery Rental	193.45		
Recording Fee	3.00	1,224.16	
Total Sidewalks			8,442.44

Dresser Street Resurfacing:

(Continued in 1946)

Labor	100.40		
Machinery Rental	6.00		
Drainage Basin	77.30	183.70	

Clark Street Resurfacing:

(Cliff Street to Mathieu's)

Labor	976.10		
Drainage Basins	120.80		
Gravel	83.50		
Bituminous Resurfacing (Sticwet)	234.20		
Machinery Rental	1,240.30	2,705.90	

Total Road Resurfacing 2,889.60

Fiske Street Sewer:

Skrowron Sewer Purchase	176.41		
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Total Sewer 176.41

Public Improvement Account:

(Capital Outlay Program)

Professional Consultant's Services	622.07		
Clerical-Addressing & Mailing	79.51		
Supplies and Postage	171.13		
Printing	381.26		
Traveling Expenses	51.26	1,305.23	

Public Improvement 1,305.23

Town Hall Vault:

(Continued 1946)

Advertising	10.50		
Contract-Duff Bros., Inc. ..	1,409.98	1,420.48	

Total Town Hall Vault 1,420.48

Airport Account:

	Payments in 1944	Payments in 1945	Total Payments Dec. 31, 1945	
Advertising, Title and Recording Fees	82.43	--	82.43	
Purchase of Land	14,500.00		14,500.00	
Engineer/Architect ...	2,183.23	1,086.64	3,269.87	
Contract	26,496.90	41,565.13	68,062.03	
		42,651.77		42,651.77
Total Special Accounts				67,653.56

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

NATIONAL DEFENSE - PUBLIC SAFETY

National Defense:

Administration	--	
Auxiliary Fire Service	--	
Auxiliary Police	--	
Air Raid Warden Equipment ..	--	
Report Center:		
Telephone	13.40	
Air Raid Precaution School .	--	
Identification	--	
Uniforms and Supplies	--	
Total National Defense		13.40

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	480.07
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General Loans:

School Bonds	2,490.00	
County T B Hospital Loan	1,076.36	
Airport	<u>562.50</u>	4,128.86

Accrued Interest:

War Bonds Purchased	<u>77.78</u>	
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Total Interest

4,686.71

Maturing Debt:

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	300,000.00
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General Loans:

School Bonds	13,000.00	
County T B Hospital District ..	5,300.00	
Airport	<u>15,000.00</u>	33,300.00

Total Maturing Debt

333,300.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt.

337,986.71

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

State Tax	17,000.00	
State Auditing Tax	499.20	
State Parks & Reservations Tax.	489.80	
State Examination - Retirement System	<u>271.70</u>	18,260.70
County Tax	29,353.61	
County T B Hospital Maintenance	<u>7,882.17</u>	37,235.78
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County .		1,823.00
Federal Withholding Tax	41,131.29	
Federal Withholding Tax-Refund	1.72	
Blue Cross	<u>1,386.12</u>	42,519.13

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund ..	350.00
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Pension and Retirement Fund ...	14,232.00
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Other Permanent Trusts:

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	21.40	
Mary Mynott (Library)	<u>19.72</u>	41.12

Investment Funds:

U. S. War Bonds

Post War Rehabilitation	75,000.00	
Interest Invested	<u>3,639.30</u>	78,639.30

Total Agency, Trust and Investment

193,101.03

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Taxes - Poll	4.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	71.93	
Bowling Alley Licenses	25.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Unexpended Balance of Vocation		
Education of Defense Workers .	144.92	
Abatement after payment of Taxes	<u>16.00</u>	261.85

Transfers:

Retirement System Administration
 (See General Government)
 Pension Accumulation Fund and
 Interest Deficiency
 (See Agency, Trust and Investment)

Total Refunds and Transfers	261.85
Total Payments for 1945	1,303,683.04
Cash on Hand - December 31, 1945..	<u>348,660.45</u>
	1,652,343.49

LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS
 December 31, 1945.

Selectmen:	
1943 Floral Bouquets	10.00
Town Hall:	4.44
Fire:	17.08
Highways:	772.00
General Relief:	320.40
Infirmary:	20.50
Schools:	2,402.88
Unclassified:	
Southbridge Water Supply	1.60
Cemetery:	<u>2.00</u>
Total	3,550.90

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

Town Accountant

FIXED DEBT RECORD

(Including County T B Hospital District Loan of 1933)

Due In	County T B Hospital Dist. 1933 - 79,800	P W A School 1933 - 152,490	P W A School 1938 - 80,000	Air Port 1945 - 75M	Amount Due Annually
1946	5,300.00	9,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	33,300.00
1947	5,300.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	32,300.00
1948	5,300.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	30,300.00
1949		6,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00
1950		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1951		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1952		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1953		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1954		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1955		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1956		6,000.00	4,000.00		10,000.00
1957			4,000.00		4,000.00
1958			4,000.00		4,000.00
	15,900.00	71,000.00	52,000.00	60,000.00	198,900.00

TOWN OF SOUTHERIDGE

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1945

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash in Banks and Office:	\$348,660.45	Temporary Loans:	
Accounts Receivable:		In Anticipation of Revenue 1945	\$100,000.00
Taxes:		Federal Taxes Withheld	5,082.10
Levy of 1945,	25,035.53	Trust and Investment Fund Income:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Jesse J. Angell Charity	
Levy of 1944	\$ 4.00	Fund	\$ 31.27
Levy of 1945	189.93	Ella M. Cole Fund - Needy	
Special Assessments:		School Children	194.18
Unapportioned Sewer	916.33	Alexis Boyer, Jr., School	
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1945.	17.79	Fund	11.29
Committed Interest:		Mary Mynott Library Fund ...	64.17
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1945	1.06	Vocational Education:	
Taxes on Estate Deceased Persons	404.12	George Dean Fund	527.37
Tax Titles	2,373.90	Smith-Rughes Fund	14.24
Tax Possessions,	989.63	Town Clerk's Dog Licenses for	
Aid to Highways Chapter 90,		County	9.00
Maintenance:		Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves	
State	900.00	Fund	3,043.00
County	900.00	Machinery Rental Fund	1,989.82
Departmental:		Tailings	46.86
Selectmen-Cole Lot Timber ...	510.40	Overestimate State Parks and	
Town Hall	50.00	Reservations Assessment ...	162.20
Fire	7.50	Federal Grants:	
Hewitn	91.50	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Ambulance	820.00	Administration	196.08
Highway	853.75	Aid	99.30
Temporary Aid	138.00	Old Age Assistance:	
Aid to Dependent Children ...	1,560.92	Administration	835.14
State Aid	440.00	Assistance	98.73
Military Aid	180.00	Appropriation Balances:	
War Allowance	960.75	Assessors' Department -	
School	4,970.77	New Equipment	3,000.00
Cemetery	490.00	Election and Registration ..	41.50
Underestimate-County Tax	11,073.59	Legal Expenses	15.00
Overdrawn Accounts:	730.40	Rationing Board	914.30
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,590.47	Police Department, - New	
Snow and Ice Removal	1,479.86	Equipment	1,794.75
Insurance	4.39	New Ambulance	4,500.00
	3,074.72	Highway Department - New	
		Equipment	424.30
		Veterans Rehabilitation	
		Committee	16.14
		Honor Roll	185.14
		Swimming Pool & Park Project	108.27
		Public Improvement Committee	194.77
		Cemetery Improvement	429.50
		Airport Construction	3,940.67
		Jacobs Road Drain .....	.75
		Cross & Hamilton St. Drain ..	1,075.07
		Warren & Federal St. Drain ..	9.50
		East Main St. Drain	956.50
		Poplar St. Drain	4,890.55
		Pleasant St. Drain	585.04
		Everett St. Drain	1,332.48
		Worcester St. Sidewalk	190.06
		Worcester St. - West Side	
		Sidewalk	774.14
		Charlton St. Sidewalk	22.83
		Dresser St. Road	7,016.30
		Clark St. Road	1,578.10
		New Fire Alarm System	44.81
		Town Hall Vault	179.52
		Sewer Investigation Committee	500.00
		Child Welfare Service	155.64
		Sewer Assessment Reserve	34,875.63
		Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus	2,528.71
		Overlay - Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1945	28,250.15
		Revenue - Reserved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax ...	193.93
		Special Assessments	935.18
		Taxes on Estate Deceased	
		Persons	404.12
		Tax Title & Tax Possessions .	3,363.53
		Aid to Highway	1,800.00
		Departmental	11,073.59
		Surplus Revenue	17,770.35
			190,078.31
			\$395,271.45
			\$395,271.45

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Assessments Not Due:	\$ 18.19	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:	\$ 18.19
		Due in 1946	18.19
	18.19		18.19

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$183,000.00	Eastford Road and West Street School	\$71,000.00
		Loan	
		Northern District Elementary School	
		Loan	52,000.00
		Airport Construction Loan	60,000.00
	183,000.00		183,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities:		Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund ...	\$ 1,321.80
In Custody of Treasurer ...	\$233,389.74	Ella M. Cole Fund	3,000.00
In Custody of Trustees	4,868.92	Alexis Boyer, Jr., School Fund .	397.19
	\$238,258.66	Mary Mynott Library Fund	1,000.00
		Bradford Library Fund	4,868.92
		Cemetery General Care Funds ...	25,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .	49,077.45
		Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	153,593.30
	238,258.66		238,258.66
Municipal Contributory Retirement Fund:		Retirement System Funds:	
Cash and Securities	\$ 55,204.12	Annuity Saving Fund	\$ 36,046.14
		Annuity Reserve Fund	4,069.60
		Pension Accumulation Fund	14,503.48
		Pension Accumulation Fund,	
		Special	328.63
		Pension Reserve Fund	72.77
		Expense Fund	193.50
	55,204.12		55,204.12

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

1945

Departments & Accounts	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds & Transfers added to appropriation	Total Receipts or Credit	Expenditures	Transfers to Other Accounts	Total Expenditures or Debit	Balance to Revenue or Overlay	Balance Forwarded to 1946	Overdrawn Accounts
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Moderator	60.00		60.00	60.00		60.00			
Finance Committee	100.00		100.00	36.65		36.65	63.35		
Selectmen:									
Salaries	2,790.00		2,790.00	2,790.00		2,790.00			
All Others	1,000.00								
From Excess & Def. Acct.		140.13	1,140.13	1,097.11		1,097.11	43.02		
Sewer Investigation									
From Excess & Def. Acct.		500.00	500.00	--	--	--		500.00	
State Census	400.00		400.00	312.88		312.88	87.12		
Accountant:									
Salaries	3,350.00								
From Reserve Fund		100.00	3,450.00	3,448.30		3,448.30	1.70	0' Lay	
All Others	250.00								
From Reserve Fund		110.00	360.00	340.75		340.75	19.25	0' Lay	
Treasurer:									
Salaries	3,468.00		3,468.00	3,458.73		3,458.73	9.27		
All Others	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,001.47		1,001.47	48.53		
Tax Collector:									
Salaries	3,950.00		3,950.00	3,950.00		3,950.00			
All Others	1,552.00		1,552.00	1,527.90		1,527.90	24.10		
Assessors:									
Salaries	4,400.00		4,400.00	4,400.00		4,400.00			
All Others	700.00		700.00	652.54		652.54	47.46		
Addressograph Machine									
From Reserve Fund		3,000.00	3,000.00	--	--	--	--	3,000.00	
Town Clerk:									
Salaries	1,957.00		1,957.00	1,957.00		1,957.00			
All Others	500.00		500.00	479.48		479.48	20.52		
Election & Registration:									
Salaries	450.00		450.00	450.00		450.00			
All Others	3,198.00		3,198.00	3,070.62		3,070.62	127.38		
Law:									
Salaries	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00			
All Others	140.00		140.00	18.30		18.30	121.70		
Engineers:									
Salaries	2,300.00								
From Reserve Fund		4,428.26	6,728.26	6,727.10		6,727.10	1.16	0' Lay	
All Others	200.00								
From Reserve Fund		892.62							
By Refund		19.25	1,111.87	951.17		951.17	160.70	0' Lay	
Town Hall:									
Salaries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00			
All Others	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,855.44		3,855.44	144.56		
Planning Board:									
All Others	100.00		100.00	38.81		38.81	61.19		
Ration Board:									
All Others	700.00								
From 1944 Balance		661.42	1,361.42	447.12		447.12		914.30	
Retirement System Administration:									
Salaries	675.00		675.00	675.00		675.00			
All Others	250.00		250.00	250.00		250.00			
Totals-General Government	41,240.00	9,851.68	51,091.68	45,696.37		45,696.37	981.01	4,414.30	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:									
Police:									
Salaries	46,714.56		46,714.56	46,169.72		46,169.72	544.84		
All Others	5,992.00		5,992.00	5,540.77		5,540.77	451.23		
New Car	1,800.00		1,800.00	5.25		5.25		1,794.75	
Pira:									
Salaries	45,632.00								
From Expense Acct.		48.20	45,681.20	45,503.54		45,503.54	177.66		
All Others	4,075.00		4,075.00	3,965.10	49.20	4,014.30	60.70		
To Salaries									
Out of State Travel Expense	150.00		150.00	15.10		15.10	134.90		
Hydrants	15,800.00		15,800.00	15,482.50		15,482.50	317.50		
New Fire Alarm System:									
From 1944 Balance		160.89	160.89	116.08		116.08	44.81		
Forest Fire:									
Salary of Warden	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00			
All Others	500.00		500.00	372.44		372.44	127.56		
New Hose	450.00		450.00	411.60		411.60	38.40		
Ambulance:	350.00		350.00	333.52		333.52	16.48		
New Ambulance									
From Excess & Def. Acct.		4,500.00	4,500.00	--	--	--	--	4,500.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures:									
Salary	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00			
All Others	100.00		100.00	43.56		43.56	56.44		
Travel Expenses	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Town Warden	750.00								
From Excess & Def. Acct.		375.00							
From Reserve Fund		365.00	1,490.00	1,455.95		1,455.95	34.05	0' Lay	
Moth Extermination	400.00		400.00	399.60		399.60	.40		
Animal Inspector									
Salary	125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00			
All Others	50.00		50.00	48.64		48.64	1.36		
Building Inspector:									
Salary	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
All Others	100.00		100.00	75.91		75.91	24.09		
Wire Inspector:									
Salary	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
All Others	100.00		100.00	63.30		63.30	36.70		
Dog Officers	400.00		400.00	393.20		393.20	6.80		
Ozone Warden	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00			
Street Lighting	15,000.00		15,000.00	14,530.98		14,530.98	469.02		
Total-Protection Persons and Property	140,988.56	5,450.09	146,438.65	137,651.76	49.20	137,700.96	2,442.94	6,294.75	
HEALTH & SANITATION:									
Health:									
Salaries	7,489.00								
From Expense Acct.		3.89	7,492.89	7,242.89		7,242.89	250.00		
All Others	10,200.00		10,200.00	8,597.88	3.89	8,601.87	1,598.13		
To Salaries									
Sewers									
Salary	2,338.00		2,338.00	2,274.60		2,274.60	63.40		
All Others	768.00		768.00	687.56		687.56	80.44		
Total-Health & Sanitation	20,795.00	3.89	20,798.89	18,603.03	3.89	18,806.92	1,991.97		
HIGHWAYS:									
Highways:									
Salaries	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,650.00		2,650.00	150.00		
All Others	32,500.00								
By Refund		13.92	32,513.92	24,660.32		24,660.32			
To Rd. Machinery Maintenance					2,900.00				
" " " New Equipment					2,232.46				
Road Machinery Maintenance: 5,200.00									
By Refund		75.37							
From Highways		2,900.00	8,175.37	8,151.96		8,151.96	23.41		
Road Machinery New Equip't.: 6,300.00									
From Rd. Machinery Rental Fund		675.00							
From Highways		2,232.46	9,207.46	8,783.16		8,783.16	424.30		
Chapter 90 - Maintenance - 9455 Contract:									
From Rd. Machinery Rental Fund		10.00	910.00	2,500.47		2,500.47			1,590.47
From Equip. 1,350.00			1,350.00	1,338.00		1,338.00	12.00		
Town Camp	1,350.00		1,350.00	1,338.00		1,338.00			
Rubbish Collection	2,287.00		2,287.00	2,286.05		2,286.05	.95		
Snow and Ice	7,500.00		7,500.00	8,579.86		8,579.86			1,479.86
Totals-Highways	56,837.00	5,906.75	64,743.75	59,349.82	5,132.46	64,482.28	3,331.80		3,070.33
CHARITIES & SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:									
Public Welfare:									
Salaries	1,954.00		1						

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY:									
Schools:									
Salaries	199,781.00		199,781.00	196,624.28		196,624.28	3,156.72		
All Others	48,640.00								
By Refunds		52.86	48,692.86	48,642.70		48,642.70	50.16		
George Deen Fund:									
From 1944 Balance		239.32							
From Grants		2,197.50	2,436.82	1,909.45		1,909.45		527.37	
Smith Hughes Fund:									
From 1944 Balance		868.56							
From Grants		3,148.43	4,016.99	4,002.75		4,002.75		14.24	
Vocational Education of									
National Defense Workers:									
From 1944 Balance		446.82							
From Grants		200.00	646.82	501.90					
Refunded to State					144.92	646.82			
Library:									
Salaries	8,200.00		8,200.00	7,619.88		7,619.88	580.12		
All Others	2,600.00		2,600.00	2,505.37		2,505.37	94.63		
Mynott Fund:									
From 1944 Balance		63.89							
From Income		20.00	83.89	19.72		19.72		64.17	
Totals-Schools & Library	259,221.00	7,237.38	266,458.38	261,826.05	144.92	261,970.97	3,881.63	605.78	
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:									
Parks:	500.00		500.00	499.60		499.60	.40		
Playgrounds:	2,620.00		2,620.00	2,612.96		2,612.96	7.04		
World War Memorial:	300.00								
From Excess & Def. Acct.		50.00	350.00	332.25		332.25	17.75		
Swimming Pool Account:	4,100.00								
From 1944 Balance		1,315.02	5,415.02	5,306.75		5,306.75		108.27	
2nd World War Honor Roll:									
From 1944 Balance		375.72							
By Refund		2.00	377.72	192.58		192.58		185.14	
Damage to Persons & Property	500.00		500.00	130.52		130.52	369.48		
Memorial Day	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Armistice Day	150.00		150.00	150.00		150.00			
Jap V. Day:									
From Reserve Fund		300.00	300.00	300.00		300.00			
Annual Reports	1,200.00		1,200.00	835.00		835.00	365.00		
Pensions:	4,619.00		4,619.00	4,619.00		4,619.00			
Insurance:	8,550.00								
By Refund		376.92							
From Excess & Def. Acct.		67.40	8,994.32	8,998.71		8,998.71		4.39	
Town Clock	175.00		175.00	50.00		50.00	125.00		
Water & Ice	500.00		500.00	463.63		463.63	36.37		
Outstanding Bills of Previous Year:	1,493.47								
From Excess & Def. Acct.		325.18	1,818.65	1,749.77		1,749.77	68.88		
Pension Accumulation Fund	14,232.00		14,232.00	14,232.00		14,232.00			
National Defense-Various Accts.									
From 1944 Balances		8,180.71							
By Refund		.19	8,180.90	13.40	8,167.50	8,180.90			
To Excess & Def. Acct.									
Total-Recreation & Unclassified	39,239.47	10,993.14	50,232.61	40,786.17	8,167.50	48,953.67	989.92	293.41	4.39
ENTERPRISES & CEMETERY:									
Cemetery:	3,300.00								
Dividends from Trust Funds		1,800.15	5,100.15	5,098.66		5,098.66	1.49		
Cemetery Improvement Acct.									
From Sale of Lots & Graves Fund		500.00	500.00	70.50		70.50		429.50	
Total-Enterprises & Cemetery	3,300.00	2,300.15	5,600.15	5,169.16		5,169.16	1.49	429.50	
SPECIAL APPROPRIATION:									
(Non Re-Current)									
Air Port Account:									
From 1944 Balance		46,592.44	46,592.44	42,651.77		42,651.77		3,940.67	
Jacob Road Drain	600.00		600.00	599.25		599.25		.75	
Warren St. Drain-From Federal St.	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,490.50		4,490.50		9.50	
Cross & Hamilton Sts. Drain	3,000.00								
From Excess & Def. Acct.		650.00	3,650.00	2,574.93		2,574.93		1,075.07	
East Main St. Drain	3,500.00		3,500.00	2,543.50		2,543.50		956.50	
Poplar St. Drain:	4,600.00								
From Excess & Def. Acct.		850.00	5,450.00	559.45		559.45		4,890.55	
Pleasant St. Sidewalk	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,414.96		1,414.96		585.04	
Everett St. Sidewalk	4,500.00		4,500.00	3,167.52		3,167.52		1,332.48	
Worcester St. Sidewalk									
Henry St. to Periseau's Store	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,809.94		1,809.94		190.06	
(Worcester St. Sidewalk)									
Periseau's Store to Snow St.									
From 1944 Balance		1,600.00	1,600.00	825.86		825.86		774.14	
Charlton St. Sidewalk									
From 1944 Balance		1,246.99	1,246.99	1,224.16		1,224.16		22.83	
Dresser St. Road:	7,200.00		7,200.00	183.70		183.70		7,016.30	
Clark St. Road:	4,284.00		4,284.00	2,705.90		2,705.90		1,578.10	
Columbia St. Sewer:									
From 1944 Balance		648.70	648.70						
To Excess & Def. Acct.					648.70	648.70			
Fiske St. Sewer Purchase:									
From 1944 Balance		176.41	176.41	176.41		176.41			
Town Hall Vault	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,420.48		1,420.48		179.52	
Public Improvement Committee:	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,305.23		1,305.23		194.77	
Totals-Special Appropriation:	39,284.00	51,764.54	91,048.54	67,653.56	648.70	68,302.26		22,746.28	
INTEREST & MATURING DEBTS:									
Interest:									
Temporary Loans	900.00		900.00	480.07		480.07	419.93		
Fixed Debts	3,053.00		3,053.00	3,052.50		3,052.50	.50		
County T B Hospital	1,076.36		1,076.36	1,076.36		1,076.36			
Maturing Debts									
General Loans	27,722.35								
From Premium on Loan		277.65	28,000.00	28,000.00		28,000.00			
County T B Hospital									
Dist. Loan	5,300.00		5,300.00	5,300.00		5,300.00			
Totals-Interest & Maturing Debts.	38,051.71	277.65	38,329.36	37,908.93		37,908.93	420.43		
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENTS									
State Tax	17,000.00		17,000.00	17,000.00		17,000.00			
State Auditing Tax	499.20		499.20	499.20		499.20			
State Parks & Reservation Tax	652.00		652.00	489.80		489.80		162.20	
State Examination of Retirement System	271.70		271.70	271.70		271.70			
County Tax	28,623.21		28,623.21	29,353.61		29,353.61		730.40	
T B Hospital Maintenance Tax	7,882.17		7,882.17	7,882.17		7,882.17			
Dog License Fees paid to County		1,832.00	1,832.00	1,823.00		1,823.00		9.00	
Federal Withholding Tax									
Employee's Wages:	42,116.35								
From 1944 Balance		4,098.76	46,215.11	41,131.29					
Refund				1.72		41,133.01		5,082.10	
Blue Cross Deductions									
Employee's Wages		1,386.12	1,386.12	1,386.12		1,386.12			
U S War Bonds									
From Excess & Def. Acct.		75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00		75,000.00			
Ellis Cole Fund:									
From 1944 Balance		158.08							
From Investment Income		57.50	215.58	21.40		21.40		194.18	
Mary Mynott Fund									
From 1944 Balance		63.89							
From Investment Income		20.00	83.89	19.72		19.72		64.17	
Totals-Agency, Trust and Investment	54,928.28	124,732.70	179,660.98	174,879.73		174,879.73	5,511.65	730.40	
RECAPITULATION:									
General Government	41,240.00	9,851.68	51,091.68	45,696.37		45,696.37	981.01	4,414.30	
Protection of Persons & Property	140,988.56	5,450.09	146,438.65	137,651.76	49.20	137,700.96	2,442.94	6,294.75	
Health and Sanitation	20,795.00	3.89	20,798.89	18,803.03	3.89	18,806.92	1,991.97		
Highways	58,837.00	5,906.75	64,743.75	59,349.82	5,132.46	64,482.28	3,331.80		3,070.33
Charities and Soldiers' Benefits	101,910.00	51,372.53	153,282.53	149,649.25	438.24	150,087.49	1,794.01	1,401.03	
Schools and Library	259,221.00	7,237.38	266,458.38	261,826.05	144.92	261,970.97	3,881.63	605.78	
Recreation and Unclassified	39,239.47	10,993.14	50,232.61	40,786.17	8,167.50	48,953.67	989.92	293.41	4.39
Enterprises and Cemetery	3,300.00	2,300.15	5,600.15	5,169.16		5,169.16	1.49	429.50	
Special Appropriations	39,284.00	51,764.54	91,048.54	67,653.56	648.70	68,302.26		22,746.28	
Interest & Maturing Debts	38,051.71	277.65	38,329.36	37,908.93		37,908.93	420.43		
Agency, Trust and Investment	54,928.28	124,732.70	179,660.98	174,879.73		174,879.73	5,511.65	730.40	
Totals	797,795.02	269,890.50	1,067,685.52	999,373.83	14,584.91	1,013,958.74	15,835.20	41,696.70	3,805.12
Overlays of Current Year	14,994.97								
	<u>812,789.99</u>								

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

Town Accountant

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1946

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TREASURER—Norbert C. Benoit 1949

CLERK—Clare P. Boyer 1947

SELECTMEN

Rosario Arpin, Chairman
Leo J. Cournoyer, Clerk
Norman Leblanc
Assistant Clerk, Julian C. Gabree

PUBLIC WELFARE

Ovide Desrosier 1947
Hermas Lippe 1948
Marie Lariviere 1948

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Ovide Desrosier, Chairman
Hermas Lippe, Clerk
Marie Lariviere
H. H. Michon, Agent

ASSESSORS

Charles Normandin 1947
Joseph T. Gervais 1948
Joseph Lafleche 1949

BOARD OF HEALTH

Raymond F. Haling M.D. 1947
Herve L. Desmarais 1948
(Deceased)
Ernest Tetreault 1949
Robert W. DeJordy D.S.C.
(Temporary Appointment)

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Stanley Ciesla 1947
George Lafleche 1948
Lionel Duval 1949

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Raymond J. Varin 1947
Leopold Lemelin 1947
Arthur Roy 1948
James Murphy 1948
Oswald Meunier 1949
Rosario Arpin

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nestor Pontbriand 1947
George M. Metras 1947
Artuhr Gaumond 1948
Joseph S. Normandin 1948
Hector M. Leclair 1949
Ernest Boyer 1949

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

George W. Dumas 1947
Wardwell M. Edwards 1948
Daniel T. Morrill 1949—Deceased
William Richard
(Temporary Appointment)

CONSTABLES

Blaise Trudeau

Raoul Meunier

Bernard E. Richard

TAX COLLECTOR—Mederic Duhamel 1948

PLANNING BOARD

Arthur B. Laperle 1947

J. George Page 1948

Mitchell Kurposka 1949

Edward Seremet 1950

George Duquette 1951

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Bernard Allard 1947

Leo Allard 1948

J. George Page 1949

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Norman Leblanc 1947

John E. Farland 1948

Roland Langevin 1949

MODERATOR—Valmore P. Tetreault 1947

TREE WARDEN—Wilbur Wilson 1947

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUND

Edmund Ryan 1947

Ignac Zacycki 1948

Ernest J. Lavallee 1949

SOUTHBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Francois C. Sansoucy 1948

Omer L. Perron 1949

Arthur Cabana 1950

Emile J. Martin 1951

John J. Hogan 1949 (Appointed by State)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—Joseph E. Desrosier 1948

TOWN COUNSEL—Rosario S. Normandin

TOWN ENGINEER—Henry A. Racicot

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Joseph H. Gagnon, Director

June Desrosier, Clerk

George A. Leduc, Assistant Director, Soldiers Relief Agent

ADVISORY BOARD

Priscilla Eccleston

Arthur Roy

Rev. Everett Sherwood

Emery Lavallee

Allen S. Richmond

Dr. Joffre Achin

Dr. Romeo Leclair

Rev. Joseph Brodeur

Joseph O'Shaughnessy

Theodore A. Brault

Oswald Laliberte

Wm. Newlands, Jr.

Martin J. Earls

J. Alfred Dumas

Dr. Herve Desmarais (Deceased)
EDUCATIONAL COUNSELLOR
Joseph P. Hoyt

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Hector LeClair, Jr.
Anthony Deterando
Rev. Walter Kraft
Norman Leblanc
Albert Simonds
John E. Farland
Lorenzo Beaupre

Joseph Piasta
Alton K. Marsters
Emile Martin
Alphonse Renna
Rev. Gerard Lucier
Leopold Poirier
Harry McMahon

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Herbert W. Wilkinson, Jr. 1947 Albert DiGregorio 1948
Edmund Ryan 1949 Philip Gauthier, Clerk 1950
Dwight K. Bartlett, Chairman 1951

SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS—William L. Bourgeois

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK—John Ferguson

GAME WARDEN—Alfred Lariviere

POUND KEEPER—Frederick L. Dowling

KEEPER OF LOCK-UP—Ulric Brault, Thaddeus Kosakowski

CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL—Olivier Proulx

ANIMAL INSPECTOR — PLUMBING INSPECTOR—
MILK INSPECTOR—Joseph A. Chagnon

BUILDING INSPECTOR—Armand DeAngelis

WIRE INSPECTOR—Emery Lavallee

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES—G. Rudolph Lariviere

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—FOR THE TOWN

Wardwell M. Edwards, Chairman 1947 Oswald J. Laliberte 1948
Dr. Nerio Pioppi 1949
FOR THE FUND

Gertrude W. Smith
Arthur Kay

John O. Martin
W. Wesley Crawford

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

John J. O'Shaugnessy 1947 Seaver M. Rice 1948
Armand Fortin 1949 Clare P. Boyer
Joseph L. Berthiaume (Deceased)

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT—Wilbur Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oswald Meunier, Chief George W. Laughnane, Deputy Chief
James C. Sangren, Supt. of Fire Alarm
FIRE WARDEN—Oswald Meunier

DEPUTIES

Daniel Daniels	Romeo Laroche
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Cyrus Hallquest
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

FENCE VIEWERS

Mitchell Kurposki	Alphonse Renna
Euclid Gatineau	David Mellor

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

Bernard Beauregard	Raymond Benoit
Armand DeAngelis	Ronaldo Guertin
Doris Loiselle	

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas L. Hughes	Clifford McKinstry
Ralph McKinstry	Royce Fitzpatrick
John J. Hogan	

FIELD DRIVERS

Ulric Brault	Ovila Martin
James Laughnane	

SOLDIERS BURIAL OFFICERS

Joseph Congdon	Valmore P. Tetreault
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PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Raymond McKinstry	Elmira G. Patterson
Thomas Hughes	Ralph McKinstry
Jacob K. Edwards	Royce Fitzpatrick
Irene Hughes	Mafalda Comstock
Herman Staves	Harry Michaels
Wardwell M. Edwards	Beatrice Homicz
Loretta Fitzpatrick	Eleanor Drake

ATTENDANCE OFFICER—Raoul Lataille

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Valmore W. Gaulin	1947	Gedeon Gregoire	1947
Allen Richmond	1947	Hector Leclair, Jr.	1947
	Vincent Walsh	1947	
Ernest Coderre	1948	Anthony Deterando	1948
Peter Graf	1948	Roland Meunier	1948
Oswald Laliberte	1948	David E. Hobson (Deceased)	
Ernest Fontaine	1949	Albert Simonds	1949
Omer L. Perron	1949	Myron B. Clemence	1949
	Gregory Thomas	1949	

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM—G. Rudolphe Lariviere

DOG OFFICER—Albert Lamarine

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Kenneth W. Spalding	Joseph O'Shaughnessy
Raoul A. Bail	Norbert C. Benoit
	Joseph E. Desrosier

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Emile Martin, Chairman	Dr. Raymond Haling
Leopold Lemmelin	Henry Racicot

JURY LIST

Name and Occupation	Address
Agard, Charles A.—Hardener	16 Lyons Street
Allard, Ernest G.—Plumber	83 Elm Street
Allard, Roland A. J.—Bus Driver	9 Federal Avenue
Arpin, Armand—Foreman	83 Plimpton Street
Aucoin, Richard—P.O. Clerk	419 Main Street
Bachand, Arthur N.—Machine Operator	39 School Street
Bachand, Edward E.—Carpenter	16 Williams Street
Beaupre, Lorenzo—Toolmaker	2½ Twinehurst Place
Beauregard, Alexander—Clerk	401 Main Street
Benson, Arthur J.—Truer	29 Sayles Street
Bertrand, Urban G.—U.S. Army	370 Hamilton Street
Bibeau, Rodolphe A.—Machinist	53 Worcester Street
Blair, Alfred—Laborer	135 Worcester Street
Blanchette, Omer—Truck Driver	40 Cross St.
Blute, Harold—Taxi Driver	564 Main Street
Boiteau, Anthony—Optical Worker	71 Sayles Street
Bombardier, Joseph—Steam Fitter	30 Cohasse Street
Boucher, Edward—Fireman	159 Worcester Street
Boucher, Raymond—Optical Worker	127 Everett Street
Boulanger, Alfred—Spec Maker	149 Charlton Street
Brodeur, Antonio—Clerk	114 Pine Street
Buckley, John T.—Optical Worker	28 Harding Street
Cabana, Arthur—Spec Maker	10 Oaks Avenue
Cahill, William J.—Purchasing Agent Ass't.	19 Summer Street
Caron, Anatole, Jr.—Machinist	33 River Street
Carpenter, Noe N.—Machinist	246 Mechanic Street
Carpenter, William—Merchant	228 Hamilton Street
Carroll, William P.—U.S. Army	50 Lens Street
Cartier, Joseph, Jr.—Assembler	17 Pleasant Street
Chamberland, Theodore—Machine Operator	99 Cross Street
Chamberlain, Leopold—Assembler	43 Lebanon Street
Chapdelaine, Dorilda—Textile Worker	59 Fiske Street
Chapdelaine, Gedeon—Grinder	191 Worcester Street
Ciesla, Anthony—Contractor	292 Pleasant Street
Clemence, George H., Sr.—Foreman	Clemence Hill
Cloutier, Armand—Truer	400 Main Street
Coderre, Henry F.—Merchant	560 South Street
Collette, Viateur—Moulder-French	117 Cross Street
Costa, Sotir V.—Merchant	9 Curtis Street
Cournoyer, Aldori—Textile Worker	81 Pleasant Street
Cournoyer, Norman H.—Farm Worker	59 Fiske Street
Coutu, Wilfred	14 Roberts Street
Daigle, Alexander—Foreman	69 Highland Street
Dargie, Joseph—Lens Grinder	101 Worcester Street

Dufault, Joseph—Laborer	156 Mechanic Street
Dulmaine, Walter—Retired	88 Pine Street
Dupaul, Leon A.—Foreman	250 Marcy St.
Duquette, Albert F.—Cutlery Worker	14 Worcester Road
Name and Occupation Address	
Dauphinais, Adelard—Polisher	199 Charlton Street
Davis, Steven L.—Factory Worker	50 Sturbridge Road
Desaulniers, Leo J.—Machinist	Lebanon Hill
Donais, Armand—Solderer	444 Worcester Street
Duquette, George—Grinder	Elm Street
Eno, Arthur J.—U.S. Army	76 Pine Street
Fafard, Wilfred—Back Tender	11 Columbia Street
Farland, Norman—U.S. Army	49 Coombs Street
Flood, Henry F.—Retired	300 Hamilton Street
Fontaine, Alpha—Truer	Ammidown District
Fontaine, Lucien—Machinist	97 Worcester Street
Fontaine, Hermengilde	86 Chestnut Street
Galipeau, Eugene—Inspector	46 Fiske Street
Gagne, Alfred—Assistant Foreman	152 Worcester Street
Gamache, George A.—Knife Worker	105 North Street
Gaudette, Noe—French Janitor	318 Hamilton Street
Gaumond, Armand—Trucking Business	711 Main Street
Gaumond, Eugen T.—Retired	16 Gardner Street
Gaumond, Harvey W.—Taxi Driver	141 Everett Street
Gauthier, Valmore—Foreman	5 Fiske Street
Gendron, Albert—U.S. Marines	42 Thomas Street
Gendron, Raymond—Clerk	178 Mechanic Street
Genereux, Louis W.—Steam Fitter	206 Main Street
Girard, Wilfred—Janitor	222 Mechanic Street
Graf, Peter F.—Foreman	38 Golf Street
Grenier, William—Defense Worker	53 Pleasant Street
Hebert, Armand F.—Machine Operator	55 Coombs Street
Hebert, Joseph A.—Truck Driver	3 Moon Street
Hetu, Louis—Janitor	48 Dresser Street
Hill, Emerson H.—Engineer	472 South Street
Holton, Frank B.—Retired	Elm Street
Julien, Joseph E.—Mail Carrier	733 Newell Avenue
Kurposki, Mitchell J.—Toolmaker	65 Crystal Street
Lafleche, Albert—Foreman	59 Main Street
Lafleche, Edmond O.—Grinder	17 Moon Street
Lajeunesse, Edward—Millhand	21 Wall Street
Lamontagne, Henry—Unemployed	37 River Street
Lamothe, Charles D.—Moulder	23 Chestnut Street
Landry, Lectance—Painter	34 Lens Street
Landry, Victory—Press Worker	800 Worcester Street
Langlois, Leopold—Lens Worker	649 Worcester Street
Lataille, Frank—Optical Worker	284 Mechanic Street
Lataille, Joseph C.—Retired	39 Henry Street
Lavallee, Napoleon, A.—Clerk	46 School Street

Name and Occupation	Address
Lavallee, Adelard—Shear Tender	75 Crystal Street
Leblanc, Leon D.—Fixer	364 Hamilton Street
LeBouef, Roland—Clerk	27 Chestnut Street
Lemire, Napoleon—Trucr	30 Taft Street
LePage, Adelard—Foreman	122 Litchfield Avenue
Libera, Joseph—Optical Worker	9 Ballard Street
Lippe, Clement—Optical Worker	711 Main Street
Loranger, Edward—Defense Worker	127 Pleasant Street
Loranger, Napoleon J.—Innkeeper	18 Pine Street
Lucier, Leopold—Foreman	129 Charlton Street
Lusignan, William—Foreman	392 Worcester Street
Lynch, Charles—Inspector	26 School Street
Maloney, Phillip—Bridge Maker	87 Edwards Street
Marand, Napoleon—Polisher	276 Mechanic Street
Mathieu, Isaac—Salesman	50 Coombs Street
Matte, Osa—Dyer	77 Moon Street
Mitchell, Irving—Clerk	47 Oliver Street
Monaco, James A.—Clerk	115 North Street
Monnette, Moise G.—Store Clerk	50 Coombs Street
Moriarty, Timothy J.—Finisher	150 Pleasant Street
Nichols, Thomas—Press Worker	29 Fiske Street
Normandin, Joseph—Truer	14 Dresser Street
Noyes, Gordon—Retired	15 Edwards Street
Orsini, Antonio—Foreman	145 Elm Street
O'Shaughnessy, John J., Sr.—Retired	164 Hamilton Street
O'Shaughnessy, William B.—Clerk	493 Hamilton Street
Paquette, Walter—Janitor	Brickyard Road
Paquin, William—Inspector	32 Worcester Street
Patenaude, George J.—Warper	12 Pine Street
Paul, Wilfred—Truck Driver	45 Union Street
Paulhus, Albert—Gate Tender	199 Charlton Street
Paulhus, Theodore A., Jr.—Clerical	172 Mechanic Street
Parent, Joseph C.—Retired	348 Hamilton Street
Parent, Joseph—Watchman	87 Crysytal Street
Peloquin, Armand—Lens Polisher	86 Worcester Street
Peloquin, Felix—Wire Stretcher	27 Coombs Street
Peloquin, Narcisse—Repair Man	62 Green Avenue
Peloquin, Philip—Painter	216 Everett Street
Perron, Omer L.—Merchant	215 Marcy Street
Pezzetti, John—Insurance Agent	7 Glover Street
Picard, Alfred—Optical Worker	402 Main Street
Pinsonneault, Richard—Inspector	35 South Street
Plante, Ernest—Retired	48 Union Street
Plouffe, George E.—Repairer	135 Marcy Street
Pratt, Walter W.—Farmer	873 Woodstock Road
Pratt, Willis W.—Farmer	700 Woodstock Road
Proulx, Charles F.—Carpenter	81 Wall Street
Proulx, Joseph D.—Cook	46 South Street

Name and Occupation	Address
Raimondo, Bernard L.—Taxi Driver	21 High Street
Ravenelle, Raoul J.—Clerk	65 River Street
Renaud, George—Machine Operator	149 Mill Street
Renaud, Israel, Jr.—Machinist	173 Cliff Street
Richard, George—Grinder	142 Charlton Street
St. Germain, Joseph—Laborer	120 Sayles Street
St. Martin, Arsene—Painter	23 Chapin Street
St. Martin, George—Optical Worker	28 Coombs Street
St. Pierre, Rodolph J.—Machinist	10 Rose Street
Sansoucy, Leonard—Bookkeeper	449 Hamilton Street
Santo, Dominic—Foreman	462 Elm Street
Staves, Arthur—Freight Clerk	37 Franklin Street
Stypulkowski, Anthony—Machine Operator	110 Sturbridge Road
Talbot, Ernest—Plumber	34 Hamilton Street
Tavernier, Omer J.—Edger	10 Lens Street
Tetrault, Eugene—Clerk	53 Fiske Street
Thomas, Gregory—Merchant	84 Dresser Street
Toomey, John F.—Clerk	30 North Street
Trahan, Ovila—Carpenter	16 Clark Street
Tsavidis, John—Optical Worker	33 Crystal Street
Tully, Andrew F., Sr.—Order Clerk	547 Main Street
Varin, Raymond—Foreman	110 Mechanic Street
Willett, Lloyd F.—Insurance Agent	Westwood Hills
Ziu, Thomas—Polisher	46 Morris Street

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

In respectfully submitting the report of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1946, we wish to confine ourselves to the major events of the year. Many of our duties are routine in nature and would be of little interest in a report. Regular weekly meetings of the Board were held for the purpose of handling the ordinary volume of business coming under our jurisdiction. Most of the time, at these meetings also, we granted interviews or hearings to individuals and groups having business to transact with the Town. We held special meetings on many occasions for the purpose of discussing current matters with various committees and departments.

When the Department of Veteran's Services was created by the voters at the last annual Town Meeting, it became necessary for our Board to obtain the services of a full-time Assistant Clerk. We believe that this step has enabled us to give quicker, better and more efficient service to all those having to do business with the Board.

Our aim during the entire year was to give the people good and sound government at a minimum cost. True enough, there was an increase in our tax rate which was brought to \$43.80 per thousand, but this was not due to any requests or measures sponsored by the Board of Selectmen. Also, the increase cannot be said to be unreasonable if we take into consideration the general rise in government costs throughout the nation and especially if we make a fair comparison between our community and others of the same size.

We wish to emphasize at this time that the tax rate is not determined by the Board of Selectmen and that we have little control over it. It is determined by the amount of money appropriated by the voters, and generally speaking, as was the case in 1946, most of the appropriations are made at the annual meeting. The attendance at the last annual meeting was the largest in the history of Southbridge and it shows that the voters are taking a keen interest in government. We believe that this is a very healthy sign and wish to invite every voter to attend all town meetings.

We have tried, as much as possible, to eliminate special town meetings. There is always a danger that action taken at special meetings is not indicative of the will of the majority of townspeople. There is also the danger that extra burdens may be imposed on the taxpayers as a result of appropriations made at said meetings. However, for many reasons, it is impossible to eliminate them altogether. Because of unforeseen conditions which are not known at the time the budgets of the several departments are submitted to the voters in March, it becomes necessary to hold special meetings to meet those conditions. We have followed the policy, during the year, of inserting in warrants for special meetings only articles which were submitted to us by other municipal departments or articles which bore the necessary number of signatures to compel us to insert them. In fairness to the elected members of other

departments, we felt morally obligated to call special meetings whenever the exigencies of their departments required prompt action.

The year 1946 was the first full post-war year. The return of many veterans accentuated the housing shortage which had existed in Southbridge. We were happy to cooperate with the Southbridge Housing Authority and the Chamber of Commerce in trying to obtain housing for veterans. Southbridge has been allocated a quota of fifty-two units but due to lack of Federal funds only forty units will be built. These units will be ready for occupancy by February 1, 1947, and will be operated at no cost to the Town. On the other hand, the Town will receive a substantial amount as payment in lieu of taxes.

The voters, at the last annual meeting, appropriated the sum of \$100,000.00 for the construction of an athletic field. Work on this project has been started and will be completed in 1947. The Recreation Committee has supervised this work and has been extremely helpful to the Board of Selectmen. We have been guided entirely by the opinion of the members of said Committee in making decisions concerning this project.

The electrical storm on June 8, 1946 caused severe damage to the Town Hall and also to the Town clock. Repairs have been completed on the Town Hall. In addition, fire escapes are being installed to overcome the fire hazard which has existed for so long. The fact that the Town Hall is used for the majority of public events held in Town makes it imperative that persons attending functions there be given full protection against fire. We did not have sufficient money to complete repairs to the Town clock and did not believe the matter to be so urgent as to require action at a special Town meeting. However, this should be done at the annual meeting.

The same storm caused severe damage to trees and sidewalks in Town. All trees which were blown over were removed; public shade trees which were damaged were given proper attention. Streets and sidewalks were repaired as soon as it was possible.

During the year, Hamilton Street and Dresser Street were resurfaced under the jurisdiction of the Highway Department. The reduction of the grade on Dresser Street and the removal of tracks on Hamilton Street make these streets much safer for travel and constitute a big improvement in our public ways.

In order to give the residents of that district proper fire protection, four hydrants were installed on the Old Charlton Road. Better police protection was given the residents of lower Elm Street and vicinity by the appointment of an additional police officer.

In accordance with the special act of the legislature authorizing the establishment of an Airport Commission and in accordance with the vote of the Town accepting the Act, an Airport Commission was created to take over the control of the Airport. In making appointments to the Commission, we have tried, as well as in all our other appointments, to select men of ability, sincerity and integrity, who will serve with dignity and honor.

The greatest loss which we suffered during the year was undoubt-

edly that caused by the death of four public servants, each of whom had a long record of public service and achievement: David E. Hobson, Dr. Herve L. Desmarais, Daniel T. Morrill and Joseph F. Berthiaume. We will miss their sound judgement keen interest and unselfish devotion for years to come. They have gone to their eternal reward and and once again, we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to their families and many friends. Their memory will forever live in the annals of Southbridge.

The income of the Board for 1946 was \$16,623.60. It was received from the following items:

126 Taxi Driver licenses	\$ 126.00
63 Taxi Owner licenses	63.00
48 Common Victualler's licenses	144.00
41 Sunday Store licenses	123.00
16 Auto Dealer licenses	48.00
11 miscellaneous licenses	11.00
6 storage tank licenses	3.00
29 one-day wine and malt licenses	29.00
4 innholder licenses	12.00
3 lodging house licenses	3.00
27 all-alcoholic liquor licenses	10,250.00
22 wine and malt licenses	3,300.00
1 special wine and malt license	34.00
Total licenses	<hr/> \$14,146.00
Town Hall rental	1,227.60
Court House rental	1,200.00
Lock-up rental	50.00
Total rentals	<hr/> 2,477.60
TOTAL	<hr/> \$16,623.60

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant and for that reason are not enumerated here.

Many problems were brought to our attention during the course of the year which came under the jurisdiction of other departments. Those were referred to the proper departments and were taken care of expeditiously. We have found all other departments and officials to be very cooperative, thereby giving the people of Southbridge an efficient over-all administration.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Town departments, committees and others who have cooperated with us during the year to promote good government.

ROSARIO ARPIN, Chairman
LEO J. COURNOYER, Clerk
NORMAN LEBLANC

Board of Selectmen

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

Following is the first annual report concerning the activities of the Veterans' Service Center:

At the annual town meeting held March 11, 1946 the citizens of the Town of Southbridge voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which authorized the various towns and cities within the Commonwealth to establish and maintain a Department of Veterans' Services. The Veterans' Service Center is required to give information, advice and assistance relative to the rights, benefits and privileges to which members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their dependents are entitled to under the Federal Laws and the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Under the provisions of Section 5 of the aforementioned law, an Advisory Board was appointed to advise and assist the Director of Veteran's Services in various matters with respect to their occupations, professions and special skills. The following named persons were appointed as members of the Advisory Board:

Miss Priscilla Eccleston	Dr. Joffre Achin
Mr. Oswald Laliberte	Mr. Arthur Roy
Dr. Romeo H. Leclair	Mr. Wm. Newlands, Jr.
Rev. Everett Sherwood	Rev. Joseph Brodeur
Mr. Martin J. Earls	Mr. Emery A. Lavalley
*Dr. Hervey L. Desmarais	Mr. Joseph O'Shaughnessy
Mr. J. Alfred Dumas	Mr. Allen S. Richmond
Mr. Theodore A. Brault	

*Deceased

In addition to the above, in order to accomodate the large number of veterans desiring to take advantage of the Educational Benefits under Public Law 246. Mr. Joseph B. Hoyt was appointed Veterans' Educational Counselor.

1765 veterans are now on our mailing list. To these veterans we have forwarded a questionnaire enumerating thereon 31 questions pertaining to various rights and benefits available to them through the various laws. The purpose of this questionnaire was to enable this office to ascertain the requirements of the local veteran.

68 veterans indicated on their questionnaires that they desired information on Surplus Property. We reproduced a pamphlet published by the War Assets Corporation, entitled: "The Veteran and Surplus Property", and amendments thereto and forwarded same to them. This pamphlet outlined in brief the procedure and rights of the veteran of this war in the acquisition of surplus government property.

623 veterans sought information relative to education and training in industry, for these veterans we prepared and forwarded a pamphlet

explaining the benefits under Public Law 346 (G.I. Bill of Rights) and Public Law 16 (Vocational Rehabilitation) as amended by Public Law 268, effective 1 January 1946. These two bills are now quite similar. The purpose of this pamphlet was to assist the veteran in selecting the program which would give him the greater amount of training, which would pay the larger amount of money and which program would permit the veteran to take a course of his own choosing.

We prepared and forwarded to the 1765 veterans on our mailing list a pamphlet explaining in detail the various rights and benefits available under the Servicemens' Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended. This pamphlet explained in detail the rights of the veteran relative to Educational Benefits, Loan Benefits, Unemployment Benefits and Review of Discharges.

We also prepared and forwarded to the legal next of kin of deceased veterans of World War II a pamphlet summarizing in detail all the essential facts concerning the government program for repatriation of war dead of World War II.

To insure that veterans, survivors and dependents of veterans of this community would exercise their rights, benefits and privileges to which they were entitled by federal laws within a specific time-limit, we prepared and forwarded to all veterans and dependents of veterans on our mailing list a pamphlet entitled: "Deadline for Veterans Rights and Benefits, World War II". This pamphlet was prepared for use by the veteran and dependents of veterans as a convenient ready-reference tabulation of the time-limits within which veterans and their dependents were entitled to exercise certain rights, benefits and privileges to which they were entitled by federal laws.

3,974 veterans and dependents of veterans have made personal calls at our Veterans' Service Center. (These figures include repeat calls). The summary of problems presented is as follows:

Letters written for Veterans	821
Veterans Contacted in the field	38
Federal Allotments	48
Burials and Burial Allowances	4
Servicemen, Dead, Prisoner or Missing	3
Educational Benefits	424
Employment	108
Information and Applications for Unused Leave	848
Housing	19
Legal Aid	19
Maternity Care	13
Medical Care	109
Pensions	206
GI Loans for Farms, Homes and Business	126
Training in Industry	196
Unemployment Compensation	49
Photostatic copies of discharges and other documents	3,928
Travel Allowances	9
Dependency Discharge from the Armed Forces	1

War Bonds lost or destroyed	4
Decorations, Awards and Citations	12
Review of Discharge	8
Soldiers Deposits	3
Eviction and Rent Control	3
Return of War Dead	1
Overseas Employment	2
Correction of Discharge	3
Survivors claim for unused leave	1
Dependents Benefits	12
Social Security Benefits	1
Aptitude Tests	5
Appeal of Pension Award	8
Vocational Rehabilitation	3
Rationing	5
Priority for Building Materials	3
Dental Care	7
Tools for training in industry	2
Atabrine issued to Malaria Victims	7
Surplus Property	68
Mustering-Out-Payments	12
Subsistence Allowances	24
Insurance Reinstatement and Conversion	72
Civil Service Employment	14
Automobile for Amputees	2
Prosthetic Appliances	1
Hospitalization	31
Flight Pay	2
Claim for lost property	1
Certificate in lieu of lost discharge	17
Taxes	18
Naturalization	4
Court appearances in behalf of veterans	2
Total	<hr/> 7,327

This office now maintains over 2,000 active confidential files on matters pertaining to veterans and their dependents.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Advisory Board and the Veterans' Educational Counselor for the valuable assistance rendered to this office during the past year, also the American Optical Company for making it possible for this office to provide veterans and their dependents with almost 4,000 photostatic copies of discharges and other documents at no cost to the veteran or to the Town of Southbridge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph H. Gagnon, Director

SOLDIERS RELIEF DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Town Hall
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report of the Soldiers' Relief Department for the year 1946.

Given below is a summary of cases handled throughout the year:

Soldiers' Relief Total Cases	20
Soldiers' Relief Active Cases	9
State Aid Total Cases	7
State Aid Active Cases	6
Military Aid Total Cases	4
Military Aid Active Cases	1
War Allowance Total Cases	4
War Allowance Active Cases	None

Prior to March 18, 1947 the Soldier's Relief Department was affiliated with the Selectmen's Department. Upon the acceptance by the Town of Chapter 723, General Laws of Massachusetts, Acts of 1945, the Soldiers' Relief Department and the Veteran's Service Center were consolidated, and the Soldiers' Relief Clerk Hire Account was transferred to the Veterans' Service Center.

As of January 1, 1947, the Soldiers' Relief Agent will be known as the Veterans' Agent, and the Soldiers' Relief, State Aid, Military Aid will be handled under Veteran's Benefits. Chapter 584, General Laws of Massachusetts, Acts of 1946).Henceforth, all aid will be approved by the Commissioner of Veterans Services, Boston, Mass. In this way, one half of all aid approved by the Commissioner, which has been expended by the Town, will be reimbursed by the State.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Town Officials, the Harrington Memorial Hospital and Staff, Local Doctors and Merchants for their cooperation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. LEDUC, Agent

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,

The balance of the one thousand dollars appropriated for the Honor Roll is down to \$66.83.

The Honor Roll committee is making a request in 1947 for funds to paint and maintain the Honor Roll, this is the first time since 1942 that an appropriation is being sought.

The total number of persons eligible to have their names on the Honor Roll is over 2200.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD BEAUREGARD

RAYMOND BENOIT

ARMAND DeANGELIS

RENALDO GUERTIN

DORIS LOISELLE

AIRPORT COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 30 TO DECEMBER 31st 1946

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Town of Southbridge

The Southbridge Airport Commission composed of the undersigned individuals was set up as a result of the voters of the town accepting the provisions of Chapter of the Acts of 1946 of the State Legislature. At a meeting of your Board held August 26th you appointed the following to serve for the indicated terms:

Herbert W. Wilkinson, Jr.	1 year
Albert DiGregorio	2 years
Edmund Ryan	3 years
Philip Gauthier	4 years
Dwight K. Bartlett, Jr.	5 years

These individuals met after duly qualifying and organized as a commission on August 30th, electing Mr. Bartlett as chairman and Mr. Gauthier as secretary. The commission has had very little to use as a guide in as much as most airports are operated by the regulating commission with a paid personnel reporting directly to the commission and with parts of the airport area leased to one or more concessions. The investigation made by the leasing committee elected at the annual town meeting in March 1946 had recommended that the area of the airport outside the runways be leased to Southbridge Skypark, Inc. and had executed such a lease effective August 1, 1946. This lease has been honored by the present commission and has been recorded by the chairman at the Registry of Deeds in Worcester.

Proper air approach rules for the operation of the airport have been enacted by the commission and also rules covering the ground operation of the landing strips. The commission is still engaged in a study of the problem of control of the air approaches to the runways. This is a problem for the whole country and we are endeavoring thru the State Aeronautical Commission to keep abreast of the latest thought and action. Only one airport in Massachusetts at this writing has the job completed, namely Bedford Airport, and that instance the Federal Government did the work under the press of war activity. Present trends indicate that zoning of approach areas rather than securing easements is the best method. Southbridge is fortunate in that its airport is two hundred feet more or less above the center of the town with the result very few edifices ever will project up into the twenty to one glide angle of approach to the runways and also on the easterly and southerly approaches will reach the five hundred foot height of free airspace short of the two miles usually required.

In November your commission filed form ACA 1623 thru the State Aeronautical Commission applying for funds from the Federal Government for additional development of the airport. It is the intention of the State Aeronautical Commission to file a bill with the State Legislature in January appropriating Funds to go with these Federal Funds in developing airports within the Commonwealth. We applied for \$24,000 of Federal money to lengthen and pave the north south runway. This means that the town would secure a total of \$36,000 by appropriating \$12,000. Since filing for this money we have been notified that a total of \$37,150 will be available for this project if the town appropriates \$10,238 and the State the same, but no money will be available until a master plan outlining a program of development over a number of years is drawn up and submitted to the State Aeronautical Commission. Thru the kindness of your Town Engineer such a plan is in the process of development and your commission proposes to submit an article or articles to be included in the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting in March so that the voters of the town may pass upon the question at that time. Pending such action we propose to keep the voters of the town cognizant of the problem so that an intelligent decision can be made at that time.

During the late fall cord wood standing on the airport area was made available to the Board of Public Welfare for use at the Town Infirmary. It is the intention of the Commission to co-operate at all times with other departments and agencies and to stand ready to answer questions concerning the operating of the airport at any town meeting. The whole subject of municipal airport operation is so new that any ideas or suggestions the voters may wish to offer will be attentively heard and acted upon if deemed feasible.

Due to the fact that this report covers less than a six months period of operation of the airport it does not seem advisable to submit a financial report. However the town has received as of August 1, 1946 the minimum rental of \$300;. There have been expended no funds on maintenance as yet. This spring it will be necessary to roll the air strips and funds for that and other airport commission activities will be requested.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT K. BARTLETT, JR., Chairman

Read and aproved by

Herbert W. Wilikinson, Jr.

Albert DiGregorio

Edmund Ryan

Philip Gauthier

DEPT. OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1946.

Package inspections, reweighing and testings totaled 2,622.

SCALES

	Sealed	Adjusted	NonSeal	Con- demmed
Platforms over 10,000 lbs.	4			
Platforms 5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	3			
Platforms 100 to 5,000 lbs.	19			
Counter over 100 lbs.	5			
Counter under 100 lbs.	18			
Beam over 100 lbs.	8			
Spring over 100 lbs	1			
Spring under 100 lbs.	54	2		1
Computing under 100 lbs.	78	1	1	2
Personal	12			
Prescription	2			

WEIGHTS

Avoirdupois	155	
Apothecary	21	
Metric	14	
Vehicle Tanks	23	
Liquid Measures	11	
Meters	38	Adj. 3
Yard Measures	15	

TRIAL WEIGHTS OF COMMODITIES

Commodity	Inspected	Correct	Over	Under
Bread	288	275	4	9
Butter	162	162		
Coal in Bags	10	10		
Confectionary	108	108		
Dry Co.	603	597	6	
Flour	24	16		6
Potatoes	205	190	10	5
Meats	72	72		

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Milk Jars	36
Clinical	
Thermometers	42
Bread	288
Food Pkgs.	230
Retests	15
Misc.	40

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. LARIVIERRE

Sealer of Weights & Measures

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my yearly report ending December 31, 1946.

Complaints made in the district court, 515, male 484, female 31.

Miscellaneous

Motor vehicle accidents with personal injuries	61
Motor accident with property damage	29
Motor vehicle licenses suspended	63
Parking violations with summons served	83
Persons reported missing	16
Doors and windows found open or unlocked	376
Radio calls sent out	728
Motor vehicles reported stolen & recovered	8
Lodging given to travelers	102
Property in charge of police department estimated	
Building & Land	\$ 60,000.00
Equipment	6,000.00

In behalf of the officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board and all town officials for their consideration during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT, Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1946. Giving names of members of the fire department, Values of properties under my supervision, Number of fires we responded to, Values of properties where loss occurred, Dates and locations of fires.

Also recommendations I deem necessary for ensuing year.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$81.79.

I recommend for 1947 an appropriation of \$139,588.31.

We responded to 17 bell alarms and 358 still alarms. Total 375 alarms 295 hydrants at \$55.00 each per year. Total \$16,225.00.

The detail report and budget follows:

Value of Buildings	\$759,000.00
Loss on Buildings	21,890.21
Insurance on Buildings	2,292,550.00
Insurance paid on Buildings	21,840.21
Value of Contents	260,000.00
Loss on Contents	15,347.40
Insurance on Contents	163,000.00
Insurance paid on Contents	13,912.40
Inventory of the Fire Department	
Two Fire Stations	\$ 75,000.00
Fire Apparatus	38,000.00
Fire Department Supplies	9,000.00
Gamewell Fire Alarm System	7,000.00

January

- 3 Still alarm at 6.30 A. M. Tenement at 17 Plimpton Street. Owned by Adelard Laporte, Caused by cigarettes in waste basket. Insured.
- 7 Box 52 at 7.07 A. M. Tenement at 125 Morris Street. Caused by careless smoking. Insured. Owned by Albanian Union.
- 14 Box 56 at 11.07 A. M. Factory at 39 Hartwell Street. Owned by Sam DiGregorio. Caused by zylene dropped on stove. Insured.
- 16 Still alarm at 3.47. Radio shop at 138 Mechanic Street. Owned by Napoleon Eno. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- 19 Still alarm at 10.40 A. M. Barn at 44 Central Street. Owned by Mrs. Gertrude Wonderlie. Caused by spark from incinerator. Insured.
- 29 Box 34 at 10.05 P. M. Dwelling at 332 Main Street. Owned by Estate of Mabel Murphy. Caused by lard boiling over on gas plate. Insured.

February

- 1 Still alarm at 5.30 P. M. Tenement at 334 Hamilton Street.

Owned by Raymond Fontaine. Caused by careless smoking Insured.

11 Box 45 at 6.30 A. M. Tenement at 15 Olney Ave. Owned by Edward Lizotte. Caused by spark from cigarette into rags Insured.

28 Still alarm at 6.50 P. M. Printing at 25 Elm Street. Owned by V. V. McNitt. Caused by cigarette in waste basket. Insured.

March

8 Still alarm at 3.50 A. M. Tenement at 880 Main Street. Owned by William Fitzpatrick. Fire set by Ulric Lavalley. Insured.

21 Box 43 at 5.42 P. M. Factory at Sandersdale. Owned by Southbridge Finishing Co. Caused by spark from motor. Insured.

9 Still alarm at 11.33 A. M. Shed at 46 Lens Street. Owned by Albert Bonnette. Caused by spark from incinerator. Insured.

April

11 Still alarm at 5.20 P. M. Garage at 207 Elm Street. Owned by Regina Lefebvre. Caused by spark from incinerator Insured.

12 Still alarm at 6.00 A. M. Hotel at 326 Main Street. Owned by Thomas F. Murphy, Inc. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.

May

27 Still alarm at 9.32 A. M. Tenement at 202 Eastford Road. Owned by Leo Bonnette. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

24 Box 73 at 6.19 A. M. Tenement and Store at 91 Central Street. Owned by Alki Michaelles. Caused by delayed ignition of oil burner. Insured.

June

27 Still alarm at 6.40 A. M. Tenement on New Dudley Road. Owned by Paul Allard. Caused by kerosene hot water heater. Insured.

July

4 Still alarm at 5.27 P. M. Tenement at 5 Morton Court. Owned by Morton estate. Caused by fireworks. Insured.

30 Box 23 at 11.17 A. M. Barn at 43 Beech Street. Owned by Mrs. Genevieve Perron. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.

August

5 Box 34 at 6.32 P. M. Tenement and stores at 302 Main Street. Owned by Costa Bros. Caused by pouring naphtha in metal container. Insured.

14 Still alarm at 4.00 P. M. Tenement at 3 Eastford Road. Owned by Joseph Blanchet. Caused by woman destroying bugs with lighted paper. Insured.

September

- 20 Still alarm at 4.05 P. M. Barn at rear of 31 Morris Street. Owned by Armand Senecal. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 21 Still alarm at 7.56 A. M. Building at 5 Central street. Owned by Armand Gendreau. Caused by cooking oil on stove. Insured.
- 25 Still alarm at 3.40 A. M. Lodging house at 28 Pleasant Street. Owned by Larry Thibeault. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

October

- 4 Still alarm at 5.10 P. M. Tenement at 83 Coombs Street. Owned by Hormidas Tremblay. Caused by flooded oil burner. Insured.
- 16 Still alarm at 6.30 A. M. Tenement at 155 Hartwell Street. Owned by R. A. Berthiaume. Caused by flooded power oil burner. Insured.
- 25 Still alarm at 10.25 A. M. Tenement at 12 Lenscourt. Owned by Stephanie Lippe. Caused by defective chimney. Insured.

November

- 2 Still alarm at 11.10 P. M. Tenement at 45 South Street. Owned by Edgar Larichelliere. Caused by boiler set on wooden floor. Insured.
- 4 Still alarm at 8.01 A. M. Tenement on Breakneck Road. Owned by Southbridge Water Supply Co. Cause being investigated by State Inspector Olson. Insured.
- 20 Still alarm at 9.11 P. M. Tenement at 986 Main Street. Owned by Alfred Dumas. Caused by overheated chimney, Insured.

December

- 3 Still alarm at 1.14 A. M. Dwelling at 332 Main Street. Owned by Estate of Mabel Murphy. Caused by oily rags on radiator. Insured.
- 3 Still alarm at 6.55 A. M. Tenement at Woodstock Road. Owned by Herman Cheney. Caused by overheated fire-place. Insured.
- 14 Still alarm at 1.48 P. M. Tenement at 76 Elm Street. Owned by George Costa. Caused by defective chimney. Insured.
- 15 Still alarm at 12.07 P. M. Tenement at Lebanon Hill Road. Owned by Valmore Favreau. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.
- 20 Still alarm at 6.25 P. M. Building at 284 Main Street. Owned by Masonic Bldg. Corp. caused by delayed ignition of power oil burner. Insured.
- 30 Box 25 at 8.08 A. M. Tenement at 9 Union Street. Owned by Anthony Deterando. Caused by spark from stove flew into paint bucket. Insured.

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Deputy Chief

OSWALD MEUNIER

GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE

PERMANENT FIREMEN

George M. Lamothe, Capt. Crew 1

Daniel Daniels, Capt. Crew 2

Romeo Laroche

Archie Langevin

Ernest Collette

Sylvio Carpentier

Ovila Donais

Alva Gregoire

Edward Boucher

Arthur Marand

Emile Caouette

Henry Desourdy

Armand Dumas

Harry Gendron

CALL MEN—HOSE NO. 1

Michael Maloney, Capt.

Lionel Peloquin

Hormidas Belanger, Lieut.

Leopold Langlois

Napoleon Fontaine

James Dunn

Clarence Blais

Elzear Dupuis

Edward McNally

Thomas Mannis

Hermas Lippe

Stewart Casavant

CALL MEN—AERIAL NO. 1

Ovide Desrosier, Capt.

George Laval

Eugene Blais, Lieut.

Armand Durocher

Napoleon Blais

Louis Ciprari

Romeo Lippe

Raymond Dartt

Normand Larochelle

Arthur Caplette

CALL MEN—HOSE NO. 2

Adelard Lepage, Capt.

Armand Gibeault

Eugene Gaumond, Lieut.

Roy Proulx

Biago Puccelli

Archie Matte

Aime Ravenelle

Rodolph Arpin

Alexander Daigle

George Plouffe

James C. Sandgren, Supt. of Fire Alarm

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMITS

Transport Gasoline	6
High Explosives	8
Range Oil Burners	150
Power Burners	100
Open Air Permits	219
Removal of gasoline tanks	4
Decorations	11

INSPECTIONS

Stores	123
Hotels and boarding houses	35
Tenement houses	1630
Range oil burners	150
Power oil burners	100
Clubs and Cafes	43

In closing my report for the year, I wish to thank the citizens

for their cooperation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the fire department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD MEUNIER
Chief of Fire Department

For the Fire Department
Archie Langevin (Clerk)

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 26 alarms for forest fires in 1946.

Last years appropriation was \$750.00.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$113.12.

I recommend an appropriation of \$950.00 for 1947.

Fire Warden's salary \$200.00.

There were 219 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their cooperation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

INVENTORY OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

One forest fire pump with 4,800 ft. of 1½ inche hose	\$2600.00
1400 ft of 1 inch hose	524.00
One and one half ton Ford truck	1285.00
One ton Ford truck	150.00
Seventeen 2½ gallon extinguishers	119.00
Thirteen Indian fire pumps	170.00
3—1½ shut-off nozzles	75.00
1—1 inch shut off nozzle	20.00
6 open end nozzles	39.00
Two 2½ gallon hand pumps	30.00
Three ten quart pails	2.50
Twenty brooms	20.00
Two shovels	2.00

OSWALD MEUNIER
Forest Fire Warden

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Daniel Daniels	Romeo Laroche
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Cyrus Hallquest
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$400.00 made for this department.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$21.01.

I recommend an appropriation of \$500.00 for 1947 for 2 ambulances. In 1946, the ambulance department has collected \$938.72.

During the past year the ambulance made the following trips.

Out of town trips at no charge;

Veteran's Aid	6
Old Age Assistance	4
Public Welfare	6
Board of Health	2
Abated	3
Southbridge	191
Worcester	57
Sturbridge	27
Charlton	24
Fiskdale	17
West Roxbury	6
Boston	5
Brimfield	4
West Boylston	4
Grafton	4
Dodge	3
Holland	3
Brookfield	2
Spencer	1
Wales	1
Tewksbury	1
Millbury	1
Palmer	1
West Dudley	1
Webster	1
Jamaica Plains	1
East Woodstock	1
Framingham	1
Bedford	1
Fall River	1
Total trips for 1946	359

INVENTORY OF AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

1 Cadillac Ambulance	\$5950.00
1 Ford Ambulance	700.00
2 Spare tires	55.00
2 Folding stretchers	60.00
1 Orthopedic stretcher	60.00
2 First aid kits	12.00
12 Blankets	60.00
1 Flame proof blanket	45.00
12 Sheets	12.00
12 Pillow cases	9.00
3 Pillows	7.50

OSWALD MEUNIER

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Immediately following the Annual Town Meeting, the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee proceeded with the necessary revision of tabulations. All Town Departments and Officials were promptly contacted and forms were sent out for review and relisting of all capital expense public improvements. All revisions were completed in time, so that the Committee's suggestions were in printed form earlier than last year.

Each suggested project for 1947 was discussed at the well-attended meeting called by your Board at which practically every Department was represented December 6. Specific recommendations will be discussed at a subsequent similar meeting well in advance of the Annual Town Meeting, so that the description of projects and amounts involved in each article in the warrant will be carefully detailed.

A copy of the Committee's recommendations was given to each Town Department early in December, and each family unit will receive one by the middle of January.

Your Committee feels that considerable progress is reflected by a comparison of the tabulations and project listings in the 1946 Report as compared with that of 1945. Community interest indicates considerable further refinement can be expected by a continuation of the Committee's work.

Kenneth W. Spalding, Chairman

Joseph E. O'Shaughnessy, Secretary

Ralph A. Bail

Norbert C. Benoit

Joseph A. Desrosiers

J. George Page

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Herein is the Building report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1946.

	No. Permits	Add. Families	Est. Cost
Single Family units	23	23	\$137,000
2 Apartment Dwellings	3	6	22,500
Multiple Family Units	5	15	30,000
New Commercial Buildings	6	0	61,700
Additions and Alterations Res.	40	29	112,825
Additions and Alterations Comm.	6	0	39,500
Garages. Private	15	0	8,250
Total	98	73	\$411,775

Respectfully yours,

ARMAND DeANGELIS

Building Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

I want to thank Mr. Despres for the fine job and the manner in which the office records were kept during my leave of absence.

Mr. Despres was appointed to finish out the year of 1943 and acted inspector during 1944 and 1945.

Mr. Despres' work and mine has always been made much lighter by the cooperation of Mr. Donovan, Mr. Joslin and their chief Mr. Carroll Dean.

WIRING DEPARTMENT

Permits issued for new work	65
Permits issued for addition to old work	625
Inspection while work is in progress	780
Recommendations to change wiring	10
Temporary permits (Christmas and others)	15

We have enjoyed a successful year and material is more ample also three more electricians have obtained their licenses this year.

Respectfully submitted,

EMERY A. LAVALLEE

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of work accomplished during the year 1946.

Drains Completed	Length	Built by
Poplar-Glover Sts.	1245 L.F.	Duff Bros. Inc
Sidewalks Completed		
Worcester St.	414 L.F.	Highway Dept.
Walnut St.	118 L.F.	Highway Dept.
Windsor Court	222 L.F.	Highway Dept.
Sewers Completed		
Morris St.	597 L.F.	F. J. Shields Inc
High St.	578 L.F.	Duff Bros. Inc
Worcester St.	390 L.F.	F. J. Shields Inc
Streets Regraded and Resurfaced		
Cross St.	575 L.F.	Highway Dept.
Dresser St.	1250 L.F.	Highway Dept.
Highland St.	1200 L.F.	Highway Dept.
Hamilton St. (contract)	4250 L.F.	Ciesla Bros.
Swimming Pool Improvement		
Plans and Specifications for Bath House		
Veterans Housing Project		
Preparation of plans and specifications; site, sewers, drains, water, drives, grading. Supervision of construction. Contract, Atlas Const. Co.		
Airport		
Grading, Loam and Seeding (completed)	Contract, Atlas Const. Co.	
Fence, Length 649 L.F. (completed)	Contract, Victor Fence Co.	
Town Infirmary		
Plans, specifications and Contract for Repairs.		
Dresser Street Athletic Field		
Nuisance Brook Culvert (completed)	Drainage (90% complete)	
Fence (Contract Let)	Grading (35% completed)	
Field Layout (10% Complete)	Contract, Atlas Const. Co.	
High Street Extension		
Establishing Lines and Grades, Plans and Description		
New Plans and Estimates for 1947		
Cohasse Brook, Dredging	Eastford Road, Playground	
Lebanon Park, Drain	Worcester St., Sewer	
South St., Drain	Proulx Ave., Sewer	
South St., Paving	Hillside Road, Sewer	
Charlton St., Playground	Green Ave., Sidewalk	
Elm St., Sidewalk		
Street Side Lines Given		
Paige Hill Road (3)	Charlton Road (1)	

Winter Street (1)
Pleasant Street (1)
Chester Street (1)
Brookside Road (1)
Lebanon Street (1)

House Numbers Given

Windsor Court
Charlton Road
Liberty Street

Field Surveys of the following Streets

Cisco Street
Airport Road
Cole Ave. (West Side of Cole Trade School)

Street Bounds Set In

Federal Ave (2)
Lebanon St. (13)
Meadowbrook Road (4)
Cole Forest Road (1)
High St. Extension (2)

Hillside Rd. (Reset) (1)

Layout of Victory Gardens

South Street
Elm Street
Henry Street
Forest Avenue
Hillside Road
Eastford Road
Fiske Street

Water Street (1)
Park Street (1)
Prospect Street (1)
Oakes Avenue (1)
Worcester Street (1)

Plimpton Street
Lebanon Street
Worcester Street

Woody Crest Ave.
Marsch Ave.
Brookside Road

Foster St. (2)
Laurel Hill Rd. (12)
Athletic Field (6)
Sayles St. (2)
Charlton St. (2)

Lebanon Hill
Newell Avenue
Litchfield Avenue
Off Dresser Street
Pleasant Street
Columbus Avenue
Sayles Street

INVESTIGATIONS

Drainage
West Street
Durfee Street
Coolidge Avenue
Hillside Road
Cross Street
Beecher Street
Locust Avenue
Swimming Pool
Moon Street
Proulx Avenue
Charlton Street
Wardwell Court
Harding Court
Foster Street

Sewers
Lebanon Street
Randolph Street
Liberty Street
Central Street
Highland Street
Hook Street
Bowlen Avenue
Worcester Street

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OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Town Dump
Storm Damage
Forest Avenue (For Acceptance)
Clarke Street (Driveway)

Town Hall Repairs
Blackmere Road
Fairview Avenue
Cemetery (Grading)

Goddard Street (Widening)	Hamilton St. (2 Ins. Claims)
Woodstock Road (Accident)	Cisco Street (Land Damage Claim)
Central Street (Snow Removal)	
Hamilton-Edwards Streets (Curb Removal)	
Permits to Open Streets (218 Inspections)	

PRELIMINARY SURVEYS

Playgrounds	Kingsley Street (Resurface)
Worcester Street Relocation	River Avenue (For Acceptance)
Coolidge Avenue	Pole Locations

I wish to thank the Selectmen and members of all Town departments for the continued cooperation given me during my second term as Town Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY A. RACICOT
Town Engineer

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Citizens of Southbridge.

The Swimming Pool Committee's report on the Swimming Pool for 1946 is as follows:

After the little difficulty we had with the Board of Health at the beginning of the season, we finally straightened this out satisfactorily to both the local Board of Health and the state Board of Health.

We have managed to keep up supervision at the Swimming Pool all season, plus chlorinating the water every day ,according to the recommendations of the Board of Health. While the attendance dropped off to some extent we still believe that the Pool can be made into a first class job.

Your Committee tried all last year to put up the bath house but could not get any bids from any of the local contractors to do this work. The Committee is going to try very hard to get the bath house built this year, as if we do not have the bath house your Committee feels that the state will probably not let you operate the Pool. One of the stiffest requirements of the state was a bath house at the Swimming Pool above everything else. We already have \$7000.00 for the bath house that was left over from last year. We might have to use a little bit more money to build the bath house due to cost of material and labor being higher this year than last year.

You can rest assured your Committee will do all we can to get the bath house completed so it will meet with the requirements of the state and local Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

EMIL J. MARTIN, Chairman

LEOPOLD H. LEMMELIN

HENRY A. RACICOT

Swimming Pool Committee

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The wind storm on Saturday, June 8, that lasted about ten minutes destroyed 40 of our best trees. We worked from Saturday night until early Sunday morning cleaning roads and sidewalks so people would be able to attend church.

Dresser street is almost without a tree. The town should appropriate money for new trees this Spring. We did some cabling, bracing and gouging to save trees that were split and injured by the wind storm.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR G. WILSON

Tree Warden

REPORT OF GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Last year, we found and exterminated 8,322 gypsy moth egg clusters. This includes the spring and fall exterminations. Inspection was restricted only to trees under the town jurisdiction, because of the limited amount of funds. I find Moth situation better since we have sprayed the trees.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR G. WILSON

Gypsy Moth Supt.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Massachusetts;

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Taxes:

Levy of 1945

Outstanding January 1, 1946		\$25,035.19
Payments to Treasurer	\$24,351.19	
Outstanding December 31, 1946	<u>684.00</u>	<u>\$25,035.19</u>

Taxes:

Levy of 1946

Payments to Treasurer	\$609,637.51	
Tax Title	173.46	
Abated	5,893.80	
Outstanding December 31, 1946	<u>24,060.04</u>	
Refunds	\$338.93	
		<u>\$639,425.88</u>

Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1944

Outstanding January 1, 1946	\$4.00
Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$4.00</u>

Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1945

Outstanding January 1, 1946	\$189.97
Commitment of January 7, 1946	24.00
Commitment of January 21, 1946	80.43
	<u>\$294.40</u>
Payments to Treasurer	\$292.40
Abated	<u>2.00</u>
	<u>\$294.40</u>

Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1946

Payments to Treasurer	\$15,517.84	
Abated	\$452.27	
Outstanding December 31, 1946	<u>254.10</u>	
Refunds	\$85.37	
		<u>\$16,138.84</u>

Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments

Levy of 1945

Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$17.79</u>
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Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments Interest		
Levy of 1945		\$1.06
Payments to Treasurer		<u>\$1.06</u>
Special Sidewalk Assessment		
Levy of 1946		\$2,627.82
Payments to Treasurer	\$2,247.60	
To be added to Taxes	<u>380.22</u>	<u>\$2,627.82</u>
Sewer Assessments		
Levy of 1946		\$801.14
Payments to Treasurer	\$39.00	
Tax Title	58.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1946	<u>703.64</u>	<u>\$801.14</u>
Sewer Assessment Interest		
Levy of 1946		\$65.01
Payments to Treasurer	\$6.48	
Tax Title	4.86	
Outstanding December 31, 1946	<u>53.67</u>	<u>\$65.01</u>
Interest and Costs on Taxes and Assessments		
Levy of 1945		\$606.10
Levy of 1946		218.77
Costs of Sale		9.50
		<u>\$834.37</u>
Exemption Under Chapter 59, Sec 5A		
Outstanding December 31, 1946	\$404.12	<u>\$240.00</u>
		<u>\$404.12</u>
		<u>\$644.12</u>
Grand Total collected in 1946		\$653,593.36

I wish to thank the Townspeople and various Town Officials for their cooperation.

M. DUHAMEL

Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For year ending December 31, 1946

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1946 \$ 348,660.45
 Receipts for 1946 1,432,044.82

1946 Disbursements \$ 1,780,705.27
 1,433,441.26

Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1946 \$ 347,264.01

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1947	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946
\$ 8,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	\$ 152,490.00	\$ 62,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	48,000.00
15,000.00	Airport Loan	1944	75,000.00	45,000.00
8,320.00	Hamilton & Main St. Paving Loan	1946	41,600.00	<u>41,600.00</u>
	Total			\$ 196,600.00

TEMPORARY LOAN

\$ 100,000.00—Anticipation of Revenue Loan—Due May 1, 1947

POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated Feb. 1, 1944 \$ 75,000.00
 2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated June 1, 1945 75,000.00

150,000.00

Interest received through Dec. 31, 1946 7,008.45

Total Fund \$ 157,008.45

CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1946	Int. 1946
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 60.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	60.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	37.12
Millbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	29.06
Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,500.00	50.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	5,434.25	98.17

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1946	Int. 1946
Salem 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	50.00
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	75.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	45.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings	1,714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Worcester Co-op Fed. Savings	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Merchant's Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Mattapan Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op	2,000.00	50.00
Suffolk Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Minot Co-op	2,000.00	50.00
Lincoln Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Totals	<u>\$ 74,577.45</u>	<u>\$ 1,678.63</u>

Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1946	\$ 74,077.45
Added to Fund, 1946	<u>500.00</u>
Cemetery Fund—December 31, 1946	\$ 74,577.45

TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1946	Int. 1946	Balance Dec. 31, 1946
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$ 393.26	\$ 7.90	\$ 401.16
Jesse J. Angell Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$ 1,308.72	\$ 26.29	\$ 1,335.01
Ella M. Cole Fund			
Attleboro Savings Bank	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Hannah M. Edwards Fund			
First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	\$ 5,000.00	\$85.00	\$ 5,000.00

Respectfully submitted

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Treasurer

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1946. All appropriations voted since 1945. Tax Rate was fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town

Clerk to be raised by taxation \$806,717.81

Total appropriations voted to be taken from available fund. In 1945 since 1945 tax rate was fixed

\$175,567.68 \$982,285.49

Deficits due to abatements in Excess of overlay of prior years. Chapter 406 Acts of 1943

1942 \$4.00 1944 \$38.00

1943 \$6.00

Total Deficits \$48.00

STATE: Tax and Assessment 1946

Estimated

State Tax \$12,250.00

State Parks & Reservations 629.35

State Audit of Municipal Account 455.25

State Examination of

Retirement System 45.83 \$13,380.43

COUNTY: Tax and Assessment

County Tax \$27,614.24

Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment 16,165.70

\$43,779.94

UNDERESTIMATES of previous year to be raised by taxation in 1946 (Col. 2 of Cherry Sheet)

County Tax \$730.40 \$44,510.34

OVERLAY of current year \$15,004.40

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$1,055,228.66

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated receipts of the year 1946 \$240,524.35

OVERESTIMATES of previous year to be used as available funds (Col. 4 of Cherry Sheet) \$162.20

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM
AVAILABLE FUND:

Amounts and dates of approval by Commissioner
of Corporations and Taxation

\$ 8,082.64—Oct. 11, 1945

\$ 12,134.17—Jan. 15, 1946

\$ 55,350.87—Mar. 28, 1946

\$100,000.00—Apr. 15, 1946

\$175,567.68

\$175,567.68

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

\$416,254.23

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY
TAXATION ON POLLS & PROPERTY

\$638,974.43

Number of Polls 6,709 at \$2.00
each

Tax
\$13,418.00

Total Valuation Personal

Property—\$2,316,035.00

\$101,442.33

Real Estate—\$11,965,975.00

\$524,109.70

Gain on Account of fractional
divisions of tax rate

4.40

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON
POLLS & PROPERTY

\$638,974.43

ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO THE
DETERMINATION OF THE TAX RATE

Betterment & Special Assessments

Sidewalk Assessment in 1946

\$2,627.54

Betterment and Special Assessments
added to taxes:

Sewer Assessments, apportioned and
interest

\$19.10

Sewer Assessments, unapportioned and
interest

\$847.05

TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS

\$3,493.69

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON
POLLS AND PROPERTY AND AS-
SESSMENTS COMMITTED TO THE
COLLECTOR TO DATE OF FIXING
TAX RATE

\$642,468.12

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:			
June 10, 1946—Polls 19 at \$2.00	\$38.00		
Warrant to Collector, June 10, 1946	\$38.00		
Oct. 21, 1946—Polls 32 at \$2.00	\$64.00		
Warrant to Collector, Oct. 21, 1946			\$64.00
Dec. 30, 1946—Polls 5 at \$2.00	\$10.00		
Warrant to Collector, Dec. 30, 1946			\$10.00
Sept. 9, 1946—Personal Property	\$74.46		
Warrant to Collector, Sept. 9, 1946			\$74.46
Oct. 7, 1946—Personal Property	\$81.03		
Warrant to Collector, Oct. 7, 1946			\$81.03
Oct. 7, 1946—Real Estate	\$183.96		
Warrant to Collector, Oct. 7, 1946			<u>\$183.96</u>

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON	
PERSONAL and REAL ESTATE	\$14,282,010.00
TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON	
POLLS, PERSONAL, REAL ESTATE	
SEWER AND SIDEWALK	
ASSESSMENTS FOR 1946	\$642,919.57

VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES	
FOR 1946	\$ 568,370.00
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1946	\$16,138.84
Warrant to Collector for 1946	\$16,138.84

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION	
FOR 1946 INCLUDING MOTOR	
VEHICLES	\$14,850,380.00
TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR	
FOR 1946	\$659,058.41

VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY	
Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospitals	\$1,768,510.00
Town Property	1,719,605.00
U.S. P.O. Property	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	<u>130,250.00</u>
	\$3,716,365.00

Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 4169

JOSEPH T. GERVAIS
JOSEPH LaFLECHE
CHARLES NORMANDIN
Board of Assessors

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Local employment being at a high level and Unemployment Compensation allowances during unemployment, are factors in keeping the General Relief case load at a low figure. Most of the assistance rendered has been because of sickness, desertion, and in some instances, supplementing income to meet the family budget.

The following table shows the monthly General Relief case load:

	cases	persons		cases	persons
January	60	134	July	51	118
February	55	115	August	57	135
March	56	118	September	56	112
April	53	110	October	55	119
May	52	107	November	52	99
June	52	113	December	55	113

The law makes it mandatory that each Aid to Dependent Children case be assisted according to the budgetary standard which has been approved by the State Department of Public Welfare, according to Chapter 415, Acts of 1946. All approved cases are subject to Federal and State re-imbusement, amounting to a considerable sum.

Child Welfare Services, under the direction of Mrs. Edith Cushing, rendered indispensable services to the Towns of Charlton, Sturbridge, and Southbridge.

On September 1, 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Dowling, were appointed Warden and Matron of the local Infirmary. In the short period of time, that they have been in office, they have proven themselves efficient in the management of the institution, as well as kind and sympathetic towards the inmates.

Very truly yours,

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Chairman

HERMAS LIPPE, Clerk

MARIE LARIVIERE, 3rd Member

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

Board of Public Welfare

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The yearly improved Old Age Assistance laws for the benefit of the recipients and their liable children have considerably increased the number of recipients and expenditures.

One third of the amount above the net figures in the following table, show the legal contribution of the liable children to the parents.

Single child in the home	\$1500
Single child living apart	1750
Married child and spouse	2750
For each additional dependent	500

The law requires that the assistance given be sufficient to meet the individual budget.

The following comparative tabulation shows the increase in the number of cases.

	1945	1946		1945	1946
January	151	179	July	167	208
February	155	184	August	166	205
March	154	192	September	166	209
April	154	196	October	167	207
May	158	199	November	171	208
June	162	199	December	173	209

To arrive at the net cost of the Town, Federal and State re-imbursements should be considered.

Very truly yours,

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Chairman

HERMAS LIPPE, Clerk

MARIE LARIVIERE, 3rd Member

HERBERT H. MICHON, Agent

Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1946:

VITAL STATISTICS

Total Number of Births Registered	549
Total Number of Deaths Registered	216
Total Number of Marriages Recorded	350
Marriage Intentions Recorded	329
Marriage Certificates Issued	325

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Auctioneer's	3
Bowling and Pool	6
Garage	86
Gasoline	42
Junk	14
Peddlers'	12
Sale of Firearms	2

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Number of Licenses:	Males	623	
	Females	86	
	Spayed Females	181	
	Kennel	2	
Total Licenses Issued		892	
Amount paid to Town Treasurer			\$1,909.60

SPORTING LICENSES RECORDED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	1,003	
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	482	
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	502	
Resident Citizen Women's & Minors' Fish. Lics.	367	
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	19	
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	10	
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	4	
Duplicates	12	
Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Licenses	56	
Resident Military or Naval Serv. Sport. Licenses	57	
Resident Citizen Old Age Assist. Fishing License	12	
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game		\$4,777.25

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN—1946

Wilfred J. Girard of 222 Mechanic St.
 George H. Clemence of Clemence Hill
 Roland Leboeuf of 27 Chestnut St.
 Noe Carpentier of Randolph St.

Alfred A. Picard of 482 Main St.
 George Silk of 723 Main St.
 Lucien Fontaine of 97 Worcester St.
 Albert F. Duquette of 14 Worcester St.
 Irving Mitchell of 47 Oliver St.
 Leo Desaulnier of Lebanon Hill Rd.
 Anthony Stypulkowski of 110 Old Sturbridge Road
 Leopold Langlois of 649 Worcester St.
 Joseph Dargie of 101 Worcester St.
 Lloyd Willett of Westwood Hills
 Napoleon Lemire of 30 Taft St.
 Richard Aucoin of 419 Main St.
 Gregory Thomas of 84 Dresser St.
 Emerson H. Hill of 472 South St.
 William B. O'Shaughnessy of 493 Hamilton St.
 William J. Cahill of 19 Summer St.
 William Lusignan of 392 Worcester St.
 John Tsaviadis of 33 Crystal St.
 Joseph Bombardier of 30 Cohasse St.

MEETINGS HELD IN 1946

1	Annual Election of Town Officers	March 4th
2	Annual Business Meeting	March 11th
3	Special Town Meeting	April 23rd
4	Special Town Meeting	April 27th
5	Special Town Meeting	August 26th
6	Special Town Meeting	November 12th
7	Special Town Meeting	December 23rd
1	State Primaries	June 18th
2	State Election	November 5th
	Recount for State Representative	November 21st
	State-wide Recount	December 13th

Respectfully submitted

CLARE P. BOYER

Town Clerk

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Your Board of Highway Commissioners wish to submit the following report of the work done by the Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 1946.

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Salaries of three Commissioners	600.00	
Salary of Street Superintendent	2514.57	3114.57

HIGHWAY'S

Labor	23485.36	
Truck Hire	130.49	
Fuel	340.52	
Telephone	168.25	
Water	22.34	
Electric Light and Power	98.93	
Office Supplies	172.08	
General Supplies	839.14	
Gravel	329.15	
Sand	138.05	
Lumber	15.93	
Oxygen and Acetylene	43.55	
Road Oil	2972.20	
Bituminous Concrete	1395.58	
Rental of Trans-Mixer	102.00	
Crushed Stone	620.89	
Rental of Power Shovel	911.39	
Pipe Guard Rail Repairs	68.38	
Tools Sharpened and Repaired	79.85	
Town Seals and Signs	327.81	
Concrete Pipe	126.85	
Cement	557.14	
Calcium Chloride	50.50	32996.38

ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Registrations	41.79	
Gasoline	2386.16	
Motor Oil and Grease	287.39	
Tire Chains	1329.67	
Tires and Tubes	1405.15	
Automobile Paint, thinner, etc.	142.31	
Anti Freeze	60.00	
Cutting Edges for Snow Plows	276.12	
Repair parts for all Trucks and Equipment	4192.20	10120.79

ROAD MACHINERY (NEW EQUIPMENT)

Electric Welder	280.00	
Power Grease Gun	150.60	
Battery Charger	36.00	
Paint Spray Outfit	73.65	
Chevrolet 1½ Ton Dump Truck	2017.29	
International 3½ Ton Dump Truck	3773.88	
GMC 3 Ton Dump Truck	2789.92	
CMC 1½ inch Self Priming Pump	163.00	
Tote-All Sand Conveyor	496.00	10096.34

TOWN DUMP

Labor	1309.50	
Rental of Grounds	93.75	1403.25

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Nine collections were made from April 1st to
Dec. 31st at a cost to the Town of (contract) 2800.00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

WORCESTER STREET:

Labor	308.85	
Truck Hire	53.52	
Asphalt	44.80	406.63

MECHANIC STREET:

Labor	59.00	
Truck Hire	16.00	75.00

EAST MAIN STREET:

Labor	400.58	
Truck Hire	67.50	
Asphalt	95.59	
Guard Rail Posts	6.20	569.87

NORTH WOODSTOCK ROAD:

Labor	442.43	
Truck Hire	129.99	
Emulsion	299.00	
Number 4 Stone	65.54	
Guard Rail Posts	11.50	948.46

DRESSER HILL ROAD:

Labor	203.37	
Asphalt	261.67	465.04

OLD NORTH WOODSTOCK ROAD:

Labor	50.00	
Truck Hire	25.00	75.00

RIVER ROAD:

Labor	75.00	
Truck Hires	35.00	110.00

HAMILTON STREET:

Labor	35.00	
Truck Hire	15.00	50.00
		2700.00

SNOW AND ICE

Labor	7620.70	
Truck Hire	108.00	
Rental of Power Shovel	398.25	
Rental of Bulldozer	125.00	
Sand	132.25	
Calcium Chloride	149.73	
Salt	612.00	
Meals	122.25	9268.18

CLARK STREET DRAIN

Labor	63.00	
Truck Hire	59.40	
Manhole Frames and Covers	176.00	
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	279.00	
12 inch R. C. Pipe	862.70	1440.10

WORCESTER STREET SIDEWALK

Labor	894.05	
Truck Hire	12.00	
Cement	334.62	
Sand	34.00	
Gravel	23.10	
Water	9.45	1307.22

DRESSER STREET RESURFACING

Labor	4904.70	
Truck Hire	1303.97	
Bituminous Concrete (Type 1)	4932.64	
Rental of Grader	11.90	
Rental of Compressor	144.75	
Rental of Roller	192.67	
Rental of Power Shovel	798.76	
Rental of Paver	724.66	
Dynamite	20.50	
Blasting Caps	25.55	
Blasting Wire	12.50	
Air Hose for Compressor	25.00	
Drill Bits Resharpened	12.36	
Akron Pipe	78.35	
G. K. Cement	8.73	
10 inch PCC Pipe	56.18	
Tools Repaired and Sharpened	9.30	
Brick	64.63	
Manhole Frames and Covers	130.75	
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	136.40	
Gravel	181.70	
Gasoline and Fuel Oil	35.13	
Lumber	115.35	13926.48

ELM STREET

Labor	1194.50	1194.50
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WINDSOR COURT SIDEWALK

Labor	545.35	
Insuro Chemical	136.11	
Sand and Gravel	18.25	699.71

WALNUT STREET SIDEWALK

Labor	343.57	343.57
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HAMILTON STREET PAVING

Salaries of Special Police	2293.05	
Inspection of Asphaltic Concrete		
Stewart Associates	661.04	2954.09

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE LAFLECHE

STANLEY CIESLA

LIONEL H. DUVAL

Board of Highway Commissioners

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Sewer Commissioners is pleased to report that even through trying times and the excessive increase in costs, it was able to accomplish considerable work, maintain its system efficiently, lay the groundwork for future development, and still remain within its budget.

During 1946, the sewers have been extended a distance of 435 feet on Worcester Street, 597 feet on Morris Street, and 578 feet on High Street up to the Town Swimming Pool. The town appropriated \$11,295.00 for these projects and the work was accomplished at a cost of \$10,177.78, two-thirds the cost of which is defrayed by the abutters, one-third by the Town.

Three manholes, two on Main Street and one on North Street, were in a deplorable condition and required major repairs .

Twenty-six permits were granted to connect to the Town Sewage System.

Considerable trouble was experienced with pipe-line stoppage during the year. Inasmuch as the sewer system has never had a complete cleaning due to lack of suitable equipment, the Board has made an extensive study of the problem and hopes to have the necessary equipment in 1947 to do this work and insure the townspeople of an efficient system, preventing future trouble and a subsequent saving of the taxpayers' money.

The Board has been in contact with Mr. Weston, Chief Engineer State Health Dept. and progress has been made to receive Federal aid for plans and specifications of the trunk line and new disposal plant to be built in the near future.

The Board wishes to thank the Town Engineer for his unselfish assistance on many technical problems confronting the Board during the year.

Respectfully submitted

J. GEORGE PAGE, Chairman

RAYMOND BACHAND, Clerk

BERNARD ALLARD

Board of Sewer Commissioners

DR. HERVE L. DESMARAIS

Dr. Herve L. Desmarais was first elected a member of the Board of Health in 1935. He served ten years —six as chairman. He also served in the dental clinic since its organization in 1923.

He never spared time or effort to promote a public health measure for the community welfare. He was ever alert to anticipate any potential source of disease. He was generous and sympathetic, especially with the under-privileged children.

The Board of Health takes this occasion to salute the memory of Dr. Herve L. Desmarais, a conscientious worker in the field of public health—a friend whose memory will ever be cherished and a public servant who at the sacrifice of himself, strove upward toward a goal of good health and sanitation for the Town of Southbridge.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 7th, and organized as follows: Dr. Herve L. Desmarais, Chairman; Mr. Ernest Tetreault, Clerk; and Dr. Raymond F. Haling, as the third member. Twelve regular and four special meetings were held during the year.

The garbage contract which expired May 1st, was renewed for three years and awarded to Peter Krasowsky. A five hundred dollar increase makes this item nearly one-third of our entire budget. In so far as many health authorities do not consider the collection of garbage the function of the Board of Health, this figure gives a false estimate of the amount spent for health work.

In the early spring, the chairman of the Board of Health, the sanitary inspector, and other department heads, made a personal survey of the community, to check the accumulation of rubbish and debris after the winter months. It was evident that we should improve our system of environmental sanitation to meet the requirements of the rapid change in population and housing conditions.

In conjunction with the clean-up campaign, promoted by the Chamber of Commerce and the municipal departments, the Board of Health in cooperation with the State department of Public Health, sponsored a program of fly and insect control with the new insecticide, DDT. Mr. Alexander A. Robertson, supervising health district officer, lectured on the use and method of application for its most desirable effect. Although nearly three hundred invitations were sent locally and to thirteen Boards of Health in the neighboring towns—the response was very poor.

Last April, engineers from the State Department of Health made a survey of the water-shed and the construction of the public swimming-pool, also analysis of the water. The report made various recommendations for the protection of the bathers. On advice of the State Department of Health, the local Board of Health closed the swimming-pool temporarily, pending improvement of water-shed and chlorination of water. In keeping with our program in the prevention of disease, it is of paramount importance to have a suitable quality of water entering the pool and maintained at a good standard. Definite plans should be made for a controlled pool in which satisfactory sanitary conditions can be maintained at all times through the use of control equipment.

On September 5th, the Board of Health called a special meeting to discuss ways and means to sub-divide the various duties of our inspector, thereby giving him more time for food and milk inspections. The following officers, Dr. Arthur Burke, District Health Officer; Mr. Alexander A. Robertson, Supervising District Health Sanitary Officer, and Mr. Theodore Shepardson, District Sanitary Officer from the State Department of Health were invited to assist them plan same. Also to consider the adoption of pasteurization regulations.

In view of the fact that last year we had 4% of undulant fever cases reported in the State, the Board voted to adopt pasteurization regulations to become effective April 1st, 1947. Then, too, the safety of milk is of paramount importance and proper pasteurization will prevent epidemics of milk-borne communicable diseases. This measure ought to prevent to a great extent the reoccurrence of undulant fever in this community.

The untimely death of Dr. Herve L. Desmarais, Chairman of the Board of Health, was keenly felt by his fellow workers. Dr. Robert W. DeJordy was appointed by the joint Boards of Selectmen and Health, to finish his unexpired term.

In conclusion, the members of the Board of Health wish to express their appreciation to all who have cooperated with our appointed officers, in the promotion of public health.

Respectfully submitted

DR. RAYMOND F. HALING

DR. ROBERT DeJORDY

MR. ERNEST TETREAULT

Board of Health

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health, I hereby submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office in the last year.

Chicken Pox	39	Scarlet Fever	16
Dog Bite	35	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	8
German Measles	13	Miliary Tuberculosis	1
Lobar Pneumonia	11	Whooping Cough	7
Measles	41	Anterior Poliomyelitis	3
Mumps	29	Malaria	2
Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis			1

Total 206

List of Deaths in Town for which this office has issued permits for burial

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM			
Acute Pericarditis	1	Coronary Heart Disease	5
Arteriosclerosis	2	Chronic Valvular Heart Disease	2
Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	11	Hypertensive Heart Disease	2
Cardiovascular renal disease	5	Myocardial Failure	7
Chronic Myocarditis	13	Myocardial Degeneration	1
Coronary Occlusion	11	Rheumatic Heart	1
Coronary Thrombosis	13		

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Cerebral Apoplexy	1	Cerebral Thrombosis	5
Cerebral Embolism	2	Meningitis Meningococcus	1
Cerebral Hemorrhage	18		

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Acute Bronchitis and enlarged thymus gland			1
Bronchopneumonia	8	Miliary Tuberculosis	1
Hypostatic Pneumonia	2	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Lobar Pneumonia	3	Pulmonary Atelectasis of right lung	1

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Carcinoma of ascending colon	1	Chronic Nephritis	3
Carcinoma of intestines	6	Chronic pyelonephritis	1
Carcinoma of esophagus	2	Cholecystitis with jaundice	1
Carcinoma of liver	1	Cirrhosis of Liver	2
Carcinoma of pancreas	3	Diabetes Mellitus	2
Carcinoma of stomach	6	Infectious Diarrhea	1
Carcinoma of neck	1	Intestinal Infection with perforation	1
Carcinoma of tongue	1	Perforated peptic ulcer	1
Perforated duodenal ulcer	1	Uremia	2

DISEASES OF THE GENITOURINARY SYSTEM

Bilateral carcinoma of ovary with perforation			1
Carcinoma of breast	3	Carcinoma of uterus	1

ALL OTHERS

Anacephalic baby	1	Intercranial hemorrhage	
Congenital Anomaly	1	with asphyxia	1
Prematurity	8	Still born	7
		Septic Abortion	1

ACCIDENTAL

Accidental asphyxiation	1
Asphyxiation due to inhalation of coal dust	1
Asphyxiation due to aspiration of milk	1
Asphyxiation due to aspiration of vomitus	1
Asphyxiation by suspension	1
Asphyxiation by illuminating gas	2
Accidental suffocation during epileptic convulsion	1
Fractured neck of right femur	1
Fracture of left clavicle with multiple contusions	1
Fracture of skull and left femur	1
Knife wounds of neck and throat	1
Knife wounds of abdomen	1
Stab wounds self inflicted	1

Respectfully submitted

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.

Agent—Board of Health

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1946.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

The consultation clinic, held the third Wednesday of each month in the Town Hall, from one to three P. M. has given the physicians in this area the facilities for confirming diagnosis and checking contacts. Any person with a request signed by their physician is admitted for x-ray and examination. The result is sent to the attending physician. Two hundred patients received this service, representing fourteen towns and twenty physicians. Six patients were admitted to the state tuberculosis sanatoria.

During the month of June a mobile unit for chest x-ray, manned by personnel from the State Department of Health was available to all employees of local industries. Twenty-five were served by this unit. Out of 7,868 employees, 5,864 were x-rayed with five small plants having 100%. Ninety-one Town employees were x-rayed, not including school teachers. Seven hundred and eighteen pupils x-rayed, this group included public and parochial high schools, Trade school and school personnel. Total x-rayed, 6,582. Twenty-two cases have been referred to our monthly x-ray clinic for followup.

DENTAL CLINICS

School statistics reveal that children are afflicted with decay of permanent teeth to the extent that six to eight of every ten have this physical defect. Early dental repair is cheaper, more effective, less painful and should be routinely accomplished for each child. With sixty-four clinics maintained by the Board of Health during eight months of the year, many children received this service. Although our program is limited to prophylaxis, filling six year molars, and extraction of deciduous teeth, the results have been gratifying.

Number of children who reported to clinic	568
Number of extractions	15
Number of fillings	220
Number of cleanings	540

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Since there has been an increased amount of diphtheria in several parts of the country and some cases have been reported in and around Boston, it behooves us to review our immunization program.

In 1929 the Board of Health sponsored the first diphtheria immunization clinic for the protection of children. During these past eighteen years three thousand six hundred and seventy children have received these injections of toxoid, and until three years ago each child also was given the schick test at the end of six months, to ascertain the exact number immunized. From the onset of this program we have had a rapid decline in the incidence of the disease. No case of diphtheria

has been reported in the past nine years—a record well worthwhile. In order to maintain this record it is advisable that all children who have not had protective treatment against diphtheria be furnished this treatment without delay. Emphasis is also made of the advisability of booster doses of toxoid for children who were immunized more than three years ago.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS

Pre-school and registration clinics assisted the partents to prepare their children to enter school physically and mentally fit. It's essential to have them free from remediable defects, before they come in contact with groups of children. Each child was examined by the school physician and Board of Health dentists. The physical findings, medical history, as well as the weight and height were recorded on the health card. Parents were advised to have their children protected against small-pox and diphtheria. One hundred and sixty- seven children attended these clinics .

Four boys spent eight weeks at the Sterling health camp. Selection of children was made on the basis of exposures to tuberculosis. During the summer they follow a carefully planned schedule, getting the proper amount of rest, recreation, also a well-balanced diet. Each child gained weight. The annual sale of Christmas seals maintains the camp, and pays for the services of a nurse to assist at the monthly tuberculosis clinic.

Pupils in the elementary grades were examined by the school physician, assisted by the nurse. At this time the doctor has the opportunity to discuss with the pupils, his posture, and his health habits. Parents are notified of defects and advised to have same corrected as soon as possible. A steady gain of height and weight indicates normal growth. Nine hundred children were examined. With the cooperation of the State Dept. of Public Health, the pupils of St. Mary's school were given an Eye-test with the Massachusetts Vision Test Kit. This test provides an improved method for detecting children with suspected visual handicap. From those screened by the test, the eye specialist can determine which cases should receive treatment. Two hundred and two were examined—twenty-four failed to pass. Dr. Robert W. De-Jordy, podiatrist ,examined the feet of all pupils in elementary school. Separate notices of defects were sent home to parents.

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health were quarantined and placarded according to local requirements.

At this time, I wish to thank members of the Nurses Aide Corps for services rendered in the clinics, also any other organization or individual who assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite C. Houle, R.N.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Board of Health

Town of Southbridge, Mass.

The following is the annual report of the physical inspection of pupils in the elementary grades.

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL:

Total number examined	434
Defects requiring notices	100
Enlarged Tonsils	58
Enlarged Adenoids	9
Deviated septum	1
Ears	1
Teeth	97
Cervical Glands	4
Heart	2
Scalp	5
Tonsils removed	16

STE. JEAN d'ARC SCHOOL:

Total number examined	332
Defects requiring notices	158
Enlarged Tonsils	78
Nose	3
Eyes	2
Skin	2
Teeth	146
Cervical Glands	5
Heart	2
Tonsils removed	3

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

Total number examined	179
Defects requiring notices	41
Enlarged Tonsils	38
Enlarged Adenoids	5
Ears	1
Skin	2
Eye-squint	1
Teeth	33
Cervical Glands	4
Heart	1
Scalp	6
Tonsils removed	6

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Podiatrist for the year ending December 31, 1946.

A total of 1093 children received foot examinations and footgear of approximately 400 children was checked. The footgear survey was made to determine how well or how poorly the school children of Southbridge are shod.

Most all footgear inspected was in good condition. The best shod children were those of lower grades, and also, they had the lowest percentage of foot defects. From the fifth grade up, however, we find an increasing number of children wearing pumps, loafers, sneakers, sandals and short, ill-fitting shoes. The number of foot defects in this group is also correspondingly greater and it is my opinion that the one is largely responsible for the other. It is a mistake for parents to allow their children to chose these types of footgear for school-wear for it will invariably lead to poor foot health in a very short time.

Following is a tabulation of the various conditions encountered and the number of cases of each:

Congenital Flatfoot	3	Acquired Flatfoot	36
Weakfoot (2nd deg. flatfoot)	19	Strainfoot	1
Pronated feet	16	Knock-knees	7
Pes cavus	2	Metatarsus Varus	1
Hallux Valgus	9	Depressed metatarsal arch	17
Retracted toes	14	Underlapping toes	6
Overlapping toes	6	Supernumerary toes	1
Toes rigidly flexed	3	Helomata dura	24
Helomata molle	2	Tylomata	9
Hyperhidrosis	10	Bromidrosis	1
Onychocryptosis	2	Onychogeyphosis	3
Fungous infections	9	Verrucae	3
Impetigo	1	Eczema	2
Ringworm	2	Leucoderma	1
Benign growth	2	Acute infectious dermatitis	1

In conclusion, I wish to thank Miss Houle, the Board of Health nurse, for her invaluable assistance, and the Sisters at the schools for their kind cooperation. I also urge the parents to heed the notices sent them, and to correct these conditions while they are in their early stages and thus more easily amenable to treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Repairs and maintenance work predominated again this year, with but very few exceptions. Now that most of the materials of plumbing and heating installations are released for civilian use, together with the staggering amount of long-delayed new housing and alteration needs, there should be no let-up in the building trades for at least 10 years, providing new skilled labor enters the field. Therefore we look forward to an ever increasing expansion in the construction of housing and mercantile buildings in direct relation to the availability of materials and skilled labor.

The following work was accomplished and we installed these fixtures and appliances:

	New	Old
Lavatories	103	11
Water Closets	98	18
Bath Tubs	72	2
Kitchen Sinks	64	2
Laundry Trays	5	1
Sink and Tray Combinations	25	0
Showers	17	0
Urinals	1	0
Slop Sinks	1	0
Industrial Sinks	1	0
Vegetable Peelers	1	0
Dish Washing Machines	1	0
Soda Fountains	2	1
Dental Cuspidors	1	0
Water Pumps	3	0
Beer Dispensors	1	0
Washing Machines, (Clothes)	7	0
Stove and Furnace Coils	17	0
Tankless Heaters	58	0
Water Heaters, (Electric, Gas, Oil, Coal)	46	2
Hot Water Tanks	101	6
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TOTAL	625	43
Number of permits granted		264
Number of Inspections		495
Water Tests		18
Unfinished Jobs		29

We also made 8 Sewer connections, installed 6 septic tanks or cess-pools, 6 floor drains, and granted permits for 18 water piping projects and 13 permits for repairs of various kinds.

We thank those who cooperated with us in enforcing the public health laws, and wish to extend the advisory services of this office for the benefit of all house-owners and taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The food and beverage establishment owners have improved or built-up their quarters during the past year, especially along Central and Main streets, by installing modern equipment and fixtures.

With the cooperation of the Southern Worcester County Sanitary Inspector and under the standards established by the United States Public Health Service, we expect to complete the preliminary survey of these places in the near future. This survey was started over two (2) years ago, but due to the surplus work brought on by the war in other divisions of our department, we were unable to devote the time and effort necessary to launch a simple and comprehensive program of sanitation in these establishments.

During 1947, we expect to provide a series of lectures and a course of instructions for food and drink handlers, to which the general public will also be invited. These lectures are illustrated with sound pictures and contrary to expectations are not monotonous or dull by any means.

In the course of the preliminary survey, we took bacterial swabbing samples from these establishments and expect to take more in order to be able to have a fair and reasonable approach as to conditions on the average. The equipment and the arrangement of the fixtures were also a matter of consideration.

The bacterial or plate count from the samples we have already gathered range from 32 per utensil to several hundred thousands.

The importance of sanitation in these establishments is all the more obvious when it is stated that almost 300 persons comprise the working force or personnel and over 20,000 people per day patronize these places at least once.

There is nothing of an alarming nature to frighten anyone in these lectures and instructions, but on the contrary, they consist mostly of good housekeeping methods as applied in a public place.

Careless methods are the means of transmitting tuberculosis, measles, common colds, diphtheria, scarlet fever, Vincent's angina,

german measles, lobar pneumonia, cerebrospinal fever, mumps, influenza, whooping cough, and various types of food poisonings.

We hope soon to complete the initial work on this phase of public health and to start this program before summer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,

Food Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

During the year, the local slaughtering business has decreased considerably from the war years, but it is yet some 400% over and above peace time activity.

We expect it to drop still more in 1947, but there is every reason to anticipate it will never again be as low as formerly, due to individual and commercial food-freezing, and the personal contentment and certainty of people having a varied supply of meats, fruits and vegetables available at all times, and especially for unforeseen emergencies.

We were present and participated in the slaughtering of the following heads of livestock:

Cattle	545 heads
Calves	246 heads
Hogs	228 heads
Sheep	150 heads
Goats	5 heads

TOTAL

1174 heads

Number of hours at this work

877

We have confiscated the following number of carcasses:

Cattle	32 carcasses
Hogs	3 carcasses

CONDEMNED: as unfit for food, 476 lbs. of meat

Altogether, we have had a more than ordinarily active year at this business, but look forward to an eventual stabilization at probably 100% or more of the pre-war average rate of slaughter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The production and sale of milk and cream barely kept up with the constantly increasing demand and most all dealers could have sold more of these products if production had been adequate.

Your new regulations requiring pasteurization of all market milk and cream by April 1st., 1947, the new type of milk-bottle caps, and the limitations of the use of milk vehicles will be of great benefit to the consuming public by providing a safe milk delivered in a sanitary manner.

During 1946 we issued the following licenses:

Pasteurizing Plants	4
Dealers, (Stores, Restaurants ,etc.)	78
Dealers (Vehicles)	28
Oleomargarine, (Registrations and Licenses)	62
Ice Cream Plants	2

In the milk shed over which we have jurisdiction we excluded 23 cows for mastitis infection and 7 for Bang's disease. Dairy farmers imported 132 cows from other states and Canada.

We performed the following tests and analyses:

Butter-fats and Solids	69
Keeping Quality	54
Mastitis	63
Microscopic Counts and Examinations	132

This town disposes of approximately 10,600 quarts of milk daily testing on the average 3.75% in butter-fats, and 190 quarts of light and 85 quarts of heavy cream.

We wish to thank the dealers for their cooperation and assistance in helping us to provide safe milk for the consuming public.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,

Inspector of Milk

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

No tuberculosis reactors were found this year within our jurisdiction, but we have had several cases of brucellosis (Bang's disease) and mastitis infections.

The state authorities have inaugurated a program of artificial breeding which will be a money-saver in itself to farmers and dairymen who wish to improve their herds without the capital outlay of expensive sires.

The state also has a brucellosis and mastitis elimination project in operation now which will also prove of immense benefit to farmers, if we judge by the success of such adventures in the field of animal husbandry in other states.

We are now taking a livestock census in this jurisdiction, the first since 1942, but this is not sufficiently completed so as to be included in this report.

During 1946, we quarantined 35 dogs for 14 days (rabies from bites and scratches), and 6 cow barns for containing imported animals which had arrived without the proper health certificate. We imported from other states and Canada, for dairy purposes or slaughtering purposes 468 heads of cattle.

To our knowledge, 38 heads of dairy cattle were slaughtered or removed from this milk shed for mastitis infection, and 18 heads for brucellosis (Bang's disease). These diseases incur considerable pecuniary loss to the farmers, a loss that can be lessened to a large extent by those who take full advantage of the latest state services by simply pledging themselves to follow a few simple rules and precautions at no great cost or extra effort to themselves.

The turn-over of dairy livestock into beef to supply the meat-product market has been replaced by the regular and customary supply of all kinds of meat through the long established channels. But most cattle herds in this vicinity could support an improvement program such as has been inaugurated in this state.

We also strongly recommend a rabies inoculation clinic early this spring for our large canine population.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON,

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE

Report of the Committee Elected to Study the Advisability of Creating a Department of Public Works

At the annual town meeting in March 1946 the undersigned were elected a committee "to study the advisability of creating a Department of Public Works and to report at the next Annual Town Meeting." In view of such vote the following report is submitted to the voters of the Town of Southbridge.

The committee organized on July 11th with Alfred Peloquin as chairman and Dwight K. Bartlett, Jr. as secretary. Letters were written to those town departments who had functions that might fall under the jurisdiction of a department of public works. Some of these departments and officials were most cooperative but others completely ignored a request for a joint meeting to discuss such action as might be deemed advisable.

It became evident quite early in the study that the legal basis for creating the several town departments varied from acts of the State Legislature to votes of town meetings. Therefore any action along the lines suggested would necessitate an act of the legislature and a ratifying vote of the townspeople.

The committee met at various times with the Town Engineer, the Recreation committee, the Building Inspector, the Plumbing Inspector, and the Cemetery Commissioners. Considerable information regarding the operation of each department developed. It was obvious from the start however that the majority of town departments chose to misunderstand the purpose of the investigation and did not cooperate. This is unfortunate as the more the voters know of the operation of the town government the better quality work will be secured and at the same time it would be easier for town departments to secure appropriations at town meetings.

The chairman and secretary journeyed to Winchendon where the Chairman of the Finance Committee was interviewed as to the results of creating a town department of public works. Mr. Cranston D. Eldredge was most informative as to Winchendon's success and the feeling of your committee has crystalized as a result of this trip.

In order to organize a successful campaign leading to the adoption of an act in the Legislature by the townspeople, a tremendous amount of accumulated departmental antipathy to the idea would have to be overcome. The majority of town departments would be affected by such a set-up. Each department is naturally jealous of its own powers and prerogatives. Altogether the department personnel and their friends represent a large minority of the voters in the town. It is a serious question if successful action at a town meeting could be secured where due to the limitations of space the majority of the voters would be disenfranchised.

The proponents of the Public Works Department feel that it would be possible to secure a better type of public official where only three or five were to be elected rather than the large body of commissioners and committeemen we have at present. This overlooks the fact that these Public Works Commissioners would have more responsibility by far than any of the present incumbents. If the present unpaid members cannot do the job to the satisfaction of the voters how can a group that would have five or six times the responsibility even tho that responsible were delegated to properly trained and qualified paid personnel?

If the proponents of the Public Works Department feel that this would get politics out of town government they are not allowing for human nature. The most successful method devised so far to accomplish this end is the Town Manager or Plan E form of Town Government where a trained non-political person carries out the orders and policies of the elected Board of Selectmen. In the opinion of this reporting committee the effort to change to the Town Manager form of government would be very little more than that necessary to create a Department of Public Works and the results in that more than public works would receive efficient control, would far exceed the results of more efficient planning of town public works.

In commenting on the purpose of this investigation and future similar work attention must be called to the fact that an investigating committee without power of subpoena can never get very far. In a possible future study of town manager method of government, experts in municipal government should be hired under a local committee so that the time necessary to make such a study effective can be given to it.

In electing this committee the sum of \$200 was appropriated for expenses. It is with pleasure that we report \$193.80 returned to the town as unexpended.

With this report respectfully submitted your elected committee passes out of existence.

ALFRED J. PELOQUIN, Chairman

DWIGHT K. BARTLETT, Jr., Secretary

JOSEPH V. FLOOD

EMIL J. MARTIN

RAOUL A. BAIL

REPORT OF RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

At the Annual Town Meeting last March the voters of the Town appropriated the sum of \$100,000 to build an Athletic Field at Dresser Street.

After many meetings and further discussion of Engineering advice from recommendations of the National Recreation Association as to lay-out work was begun on the draining, filling in and grading. As of January 1, our Town Engineer reported that this work is 53% completed and work will be resumed as soon as weather permits.

The committee is now receiving estimates for seating equipment and also plans and estimates for the Field House, and we expect to advertise for bids in the very near future. The committee feels that the project is coming along as well as can be expected due to the fact that such a late start was made. It is our hope however, that we will not be delayed further and that the field will be completed for use next summer.

The following shows expenses incurred to date:

Drainage Culvert—100% Completed	\$ 2,930.23
Draining, Filling, Grading and Layout— 53% Completed	15,132.63
Advertising and Engineering Services	582.71
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TOTAL	18,645.57
Balance	81,354.43

\$ 100,000.00

At this time, your Chairman would like to express his appreciation for the fine cooperation received from the Town Engineer, Mr. Henry Racicot, and to the members of the Committee who have devoted their time to further this project.

Respectfully submitted,

HECTOR P. LeCLAIR, Chairman
LEOPOLD POIRIER, Secretary

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Joseph Piasta
Norman Leblanc
Emil Martin
Anthony Deterando
Rev. Gerald Lucier (Resigned)
Roland Langevin

Lorenzo Beaupre
John Farland
Albert Simonds
Rev. Walter Kraft
Albert Renna
Alton K. Marsters

Harry McMahon (Resigned)

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge,
Southbridge, Mass.

Your Planning Board herewith submits their report for the year 1946.

The Board wishes to thank Ralph Bail, past Board member and Chairman, for his unselfish work the last several years. Mr. Bail did not seek re-election in 1946.

The Board welcomes Mr. George Duquette as the newly elected member.

The bulk of the year's transactions have been petitions for amendments to the Zoning By-laws and Zoning Map. The Board Chairman acted as an active member on the Public Improvements Committee for the Town's Capital Outlay Program. During the year, members of the Planning Board attended State, Regional, and County Planning Board meetings in Boston, Weston and Worcester. Special action has been taken to protect the town owned airport under State Laws, Chap. 537 of the Acts of the year 1941 (Section 40-A, Chapter 90, G.L.).

Changes in the Zoning By-Laws for the fiscal year were as follows: On October 26, at a special town meeting, the town voted in the affirmative on three articles:

The area of land commonly known as Gibraltar Field, lying between the easterly line of Worcester St. and Cady Brook, and extending southerly from land of Albert L. Simonds changed from a Multiple Family District to a general Business District. The Planning Board did not approve this change.

The area of land lying between the easterly line of Worcester Street and Cady Brook and extending southerly 102.66 feet from the southerly line of Vinton Street, changed from a Two Family Residence District to a General Business District. The Planning Board recommended this change.

The area of land lying between the westerly line of Worcester Street extending westerly for 120 feet and extending southerly from the land of Maria Bonnette to land of Hector Chapdelaine changed from a Multiple Family Residence District to a Light Industrial District. The Planning Board Recommended this change.

On November 12, the triangular piece of land bounded on the east by Everett St. on the West by Elm St. and on the North by land of Mrs. Orise Ledoux, changed from a Multiple Family Residence District to a Retail Business District. This change recommended by Planning Board.

The area of land on the westerly side of Pleasant St. from Roberts

St. and extending northerly approximately 750 feet to land owned by Raymond McKinstry changed from a Two Family Residence District to that of a General Business District. The Board recommended this change.

The area of land owned by Emile F. Berthiaume and Leona F. Berthiaume on the southerly side of Worcester St. and consisting of a lot 60 feet by 75 feet be changed from a Multiple Family Residence District to a Retail Business District. The Planning Board recommended this change.

Faithfully submitted

J. GEORGE PAGE, Chairman

EDWARD SEREMET, Secretary

MITCHELL KURPOSKA

ARTHUR LAPERLE

GEORGE DUQUETTE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES

For the Town

Wardwell M. Edwards, Chairman

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi

Oswald J. Laliberte

For the Edwards Bequest

John O. Martin

Gertrude W. Smith

W. Wesley Crawford

Arthur Kay

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1947:

Monday—Friday—10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Saturday —10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Closed 1947:

January 1

New Year's Day

May 30

Memorial Day

July 4

Independence Day

September 1

Labor Day

November 11

Armistice Day

November 27

Thanksgiving Day

December 25

Christmas Day

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To The Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Another busy year has passed for the library and it has left the librarian, of a little over a year's standing, a bit breathless. As usual, there have been staff changes which have left the library again with only three full-time staff members. Mrs. Elinor Small joined the staff in February but served only one month, leaving to assume family and teaching responsibilities. Miss Ruth Desmarais joined the staff in June as the acting children's librarian. Mrs. Emma Falt, circulation assistant, resigned in the middle of November.

Beginning July 1, the Saturday closing hour was changed from nine o'clock to six o'clock. Since the Saturday night closing of stores in Southbridge, the staff found that there was but negligible use of the library Saturday evenings. With a limited staff, this one evening a week closing has helped the schedule problem. The object of the library, however, is, of course, to serve the public to the best of its ability. If the public desires library service on Saturday evenings as well as on the other five evenings of the week, the librarian and her staff are willing to offer that service again.

Following the wide-spread trend, the circulation figures of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library took a definite, but not surprising,

drop. The total figures show a decrease of 2,226 books and periodicals borrowed for home use. Broken down, the 1946 figures are as follows: fiction 48,437, non-fiction 18,145, foreign books 402, or a total of 66,984 adult circulation and 27,447 children's books. This represents a decrease over last year's figures of 824 fiction, 594 non-fiction, 91 foreign books, and 716 children's books. The 1946 monthly summaries show that the decreases occurred during the months of May through October, which would tend to indicate that during the months of fine weather, the return of unlimited gas supplies and relief from war worries turned people toward the out of doors and the open road. During the early months of the year and November and December, the figures show an increase over last year's but not a sufficient one to offset the slow spring and summer months.

The librarian submits the following table showing the circulation figures for the past ten years. It is interesting to note the fluctuating totals.

	Fiction	Non-Fict.	Foreign	Total Adult	Juv.	Grand Total
1937	48,295	18,803	924	67,295	25,195	92,490
1938	57,843	22,433	1184	80,276	22,712	104,988
1939	53,896	22,203	922	76,099	25,588	101,687
1940	52,972	20,213	945	73,185	23,151	96,336
1941	50,115	20,752	850	71,717	25,926	97,643
1942	50,246	18,833	738	69,817	28,206	98,023
1943	43,501	17,601	588	61,690	26,993	88,683
1944	45,690	18,956	700	65,346	29,401	94,747
1945	49,261	18,740	493	68,494	28,163	96,657
1946	48,437	18,145	405	66,984	27,447	94,431

The public's use of the library this year has been spasmodic rather than static. Many features affect a library's daily circulation figures, among them weather and temperature, school assignments, and such rather ephemeral things as women's club meetings and hours of store closings. From the diminutive figure of 159 books and periodicals lent for home use on one day in August, the score rose to 629 for one day in November, the first day of Book Week. The average daily circulation was 307.59, making an average of 27.96 books circulated per hour for every hour the library was open to the public. The circulation of 27.96 books circulated per hour seems like a leisurely enough pace for even a staff of only three full-time members plus a part-time staff of nine to handle. Unfortunately, this does not present the situation accurately. During the school year and excepting Saturdays, 50% of the circulation is charged out during the hour between 3:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon. At that time, also, the children's room, reading room, and reference room space is used to capacity.

It cannot be over-emphasized that circulation figures, although they are a tangible measuring stick, do not present the entire picture of a library's service to the community. It might be of interest to note that as part of its regular routine, the library has sent out 3,382 notices to

its borrowers for overdue books not returned on time. \$1,296.20 has been collected in fines for overdue books and for lost books and has been turned in to the town treasurer. The library also mailed or telephoned 1,099 notices for reserved books, books which people have asked for and which were saved for them for a two day period until they could get to the library for them. Sixty-two books and periodicals have been borrowed from the Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries and other libraries for use by Southbridge borrowers. Collections of foreign books in French, Polish, Italian and Greek have been borrowed from Boston also, but were not read quite as much as in former years.

During the two summer months when more part-time help was available, an inventory of the children's book collection was taken. This necessitated the handling of every book or book card in the juvenile collection. In this way, missing copies were noted, old and worn-out copies were discarded and replaced if necessary. Although it is painful to a librarian to note the results of mistreatment of books, it is highly rewarding and stimulating to see evidence of much handling and constant use. A well-thumbed and much worn copy of *Lassie Come Home*, our most asked for juvenile title, is more heart-warming than a shiny new unspotted copy of a so-called children's classic that takes up space on the shelves, but simply is not read.

Another project undertaken this summer to add to the usefulness of the children's room was the clipping, mounting, and filing of pictures which the children may borrow for school use. It is the hope of the staff that this is just the nucleus of a usable picture collection. The library has also bought colored reproductions of one hundred famous paintings. These, too, have been catalogued and added to the picture collection and are available for use by teachers, parents, and children.

The results of the rather meager plans for Book Week this year were most gratifying. Miss Desmarais visited the public elementary schools and the librarian spoke for a few minutes at an assembly at West Street School. As a direct result of the school visits, many children visited the library. Two hundred and fifty-seven new juvenile borrowers registered this year, in fact, with the congestion brought about by new borrowers registering at the same time and at the same desk where all borrowers, juvenile and adult alike, must return books and check them out, the staff sometimes wondered if it had not undertaken more than it could handle. This response, however, by the children to the invitation to come to the library is a challenging indication of the vast possibilities which lie ahead when a new and separate children's room with trained personnel and proper equipment can be made available to the children of Southbridge. The library has an estimated clientele of 1,400 active juvenile borrowers as against 2,093 children living in Southbridge between the ages of five and fourteen. Thus, 693 children who deserve and need library service and all it means are still without it. And let there be no doubt that at least 75% of these children would use the library, would be influenced by the reading and use of the best that the children's book world has to offer if they received the proper

invitation and encouragement. The limited facilities of space, staff and time make impractical, if not impossible, any further encouragement of school use under existing conditions.

The librarian is not proud of the service she and her staff have given the people of Southbridge during the past year. A staff much smaller than the minimum thought necessary for the smooth running of a library in a town the size of Southbridge and complete lack of professionally trained assistants does not make for efficiency. With a budget far below the standard set by the American Library Association before the war, one can readily see the difficulties involved in functioning in this post-war world of rising costs. According to statistics received from Boston, Southbridge, as compared with fourteen other towns of comparative size in Massachusetts, ranks lowest in the amount of total income used for library facilities. This, also, is not a fact of which to be proud.

The librarian wishes to thank the library borrowers for their support and cooperation and for their forbearance regarding the kind of service rendered. It is her hope that the future will provide better service to more people and that the standard of library facilities in Southbridge will continue to rise.

STATISTICAL RECORD

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of Founding	1871
Population served	17,561
Days open during year	307
Hours open each week	63
Number of volumes January 1, 1946	30,172
Number of volumes added	1,776
New 1,613—Replaced 163 (Including 413 books by gift and transfer from Rental Collection)	
Number of volumes discarded and lost	778
Number of volumes December 31, 1946	31,170
Number of registered borrowers (estimate)	6,000
Number of volumes lent for home use	94,431
Largest circulation for one day (November 12)	629
Smallest circulation for one day (August 7)	159
Average circulation per day	307.59

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Elaine Van Nostrand
General assistant	Gertrude Peloquin
Acting children's librarian	Ruth Desmarais
Janitor	Romualdo Di Bonaventura

PART TIME STAFF

Nancy Hakala	Panyota Kraly	Helen Rowley
Jane Howarth	Claire Lanpher	Jean Small
Phyllis Horne	Lois LePage	Marcia Small

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE VAN NOSTRAND
Librarian

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1946 Receipts and Expenditures

1947 Budget Estimate

Item	1946 Receipts	1946 Expenditures	1947 Budget
Town Appropriation	11,185.00		
Less Refund to E.&D. a/c	96.90		
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	11,088.10		

MYNOTT FUND

Bal. Jan. 1, 1946 64.17

Receipts 1946 20.00

84.17

Disbursements 28.36 28.36

Bal. Dec. 31, 1946 55.81

TRUSTEE FUNDS

Bal. Jan. 1, 1946 573.13

Receipts

Edward Trusts 4,866.55

Bradford Trust 97.36

Interest Spec. Res. 130.00

5,667.04

Trans. to Spec. Res. 2,000.00

3,667.04

Operating balance

Dec. 31 1946 89.67

3,577.37 3,577.37

SPECIAL RESERVE

Jan. 1, 1946 7,000.00

1946 Addition 2,000.00

9,000.00

Total 1946 Receipts 14,693.83

	Item	1946 Receipts	1946 Expenditures	1947 Budget
Acct.	Forward	14,693.83		
	EXPENDITURES			
	PAYROLL			
101	Librarian			
102	Assistant or Acting Librarian			
103	Regular Employes			
104	Part-time Employees			
105	Sunday Opening		<u>7,515.85</u>	9,350.00
	BUILDING OPERATING EXPENSES			
150	Payroll — Janitor			
151	Payroll — Janitor's Helpers			
301	Fuel			
302	Light			
303	Water			
304	Supplies			
305	Removal Ashes, etc.			
306	Misc. Expenses		<u>2,951.15</u>	3,180.00
	MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES			
401)	Telephone, Stationery			
402)	and Postage			
403	Desk & Office Supplies			
404	Audit			
405	Survey			
406	Pension			
407	Miscellaneous		<u>549.59</u>	600.00
351	BUILDING MAINTENANCE		540.56	200.00
352	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE		37.45	50.00
	BOOKS & PERIODICALS			
201	Books		2,471.42)	3,000.00
202	Periodicals		334.15)	
250	BOOK REPAIRS		219.06	200.00
	EQUIPMENT			
501	Furniture & Fixtures		74.60	100.00
	Totals		<u>14,693.83</u>	<u>16,680.00</u>
	Special Appropriation for Building Repairs & Improvements (A)			1,000.00
				<u>\$17,680.00</u>

(A) Special appropriation \$5,000.00	)	Involves
requested by Trustees in 1941 to be	)	Lighting
appropriated by Town over a period of	)	Heating,
five years — at the rate of \$1,000.00)	&
each year.	)	Renovation

Due to existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 or 1946.

Trustees call attention to importance of this special appropriation being made available as soon as conditions warrant.

APPROVED BY TRUSTEES
THE JACOB EDWARDS
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

GERTRUDE W. SMITH
DR. NERIO W. PIOPPI
ARTHUR KAY
O. J. LALIBERTE
JOHN O. MARTIN
W. W. CRAWFORD
W. M. EDWARDS

SUMMARY

	1946		1946		1947	
	Budget	Appropriation	Expenditures	Budget	Amount	%
	Amount	%	Amount	Amount	Amount	%
Town-Normal Basis	11,185.00		11,185.00	11,185.00	12,000.00	67.8
Town-Special Fund	1,000.00				1,000.00	5.7
Town-Cr. to E&D a/c				96.90		
Trustee Funds	12,185.00	75.3	11,185.00	11,088.10	13,000.00	73.5
(Edwards)						
Trustees Funds	4,000.00	24.7	4,000.00	3,577.37	4,680.00	26.5
(Mynott)				28.36		.2
Total	16,185.00	100.0	15,185.00	14,693.83	17,680.00	100.0

If the amount collected by Library and turned in to Town Treasurer (\$1,296.20) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1946 (\$9,791.90) is 66.66% of the cost for year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1947 of \$4,680.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the town cost will be only 75.3% of total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00 if granted, and 67.8% if that special appropriation is not granted.

In the interests of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded thru the addition of a building to be used as a children's library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee and \$48,500.00 has been set up as a capital outlay for 1948 — all or a part of this amount to be raised by a Bond issue.

This needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children but will make available to adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen;

Following is a report of the Park Commission for the year ending December, 31, 1946;

May 20th Grading and Rolling Dresser St. Field	62.00
June 17 Painting of Flagpoles at the Legion Plots	50.00
July — August — Sept. — Maintenance of the Dresser St. Field	150.00
May — June — July — Aug. — Sept. — Care of Legion Plots	215.00
Fertilizer Used at Legion Plots	7.23
Water Bubbler at Dresser St. Field	
Turning Water on and Disconnecting Bubbler	9.70
Water Bill	6.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 499.93

Respectfully submitted

ROLAND LANGEVIN

EDMUND J. FARLAND

NORMAN LeBLANC

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Southbridge, Mass.

For the year ending
December 31, 1946

ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1946-1947

Arthur H. Gaumond, Chairman, 45 South Street	1948
Joseph S. Normandin, 14 Dresser Street	1948
George M. Metras, 346 Charlton Street	1947
Nestor L. Pontbriand, 12 Cohasse Street	1947
Hector M. Leclair, Lebanon Hill	1949
Ernest Bover, 251 Marcy Street	1949

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William L. Bourgeois Residence, 68 Durfee Street
Office: High School Building, Tel. 365

The Superintendent's office is open on School days from 8:00 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P. M.; Saturdays: 9:00 to 11:30 A. M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 7:30 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street Tel. 1108

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street Tel. 984
Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street Tel. 32

SCHOOL NURSE

Edna C. Pinsonneault, 110 Pine Street Tel. 1157-M

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Raoul O. Lataille, 79 High Street Tel. 1674-J

SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1947

Winter term, eight weeks	January 2—February 21
Spring term, eight weeks	March 3—April 25
Summer term, seven weeks	May 5—June 20
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 3—December 19

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7:15 A.M. will indicate no morning session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7:15 A. M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12:30 P. M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12:30 P. M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of Worcester County Electric Company.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submits the following report of the finances of the School Department of the Town for the year closing December 31, 1946:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total expenditures	\$297,906.13
Total receipts returned to Town Treasurer	55,045.45

Net Costs to Town

\$242,860.68

In Detail:

Receipts to School Department:

Appropriation		\$281,315.35	
Smith-Hughes Fund, U.S.			
Government	2,427.11		
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	22.14	2,404.97	
George-Deen Fund.	1,302.37		
Balance, Dec. 31, 1946	32.75	1,269.62	
Total Funds Available			<u>\$284,989.94</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL: \$ 8,976.46

AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Transportation	\$ 10,669.90	
Tuition to other schools	567.07	
Total—Auxiliary Agencies		11,236.97

HIGH SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	53,067.36	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	932.84	
Supplies	2,506.24	
Other expenses	439.90	
Operation of plant	9,352.23	
Maintenance of plant	2,133.18	
Capital outlay	169.63	
Total—High School		<u>68,601.38</u>

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Instruction salaries	\$97,173.08	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	3,453.05	
Supplies	4,360.52	
Other expenses	395.92	
Operation of plant	17,251.68	
Maintenance of plant	2,770.98	
Capital outlay	1,063.71	
Total—Elementary Schools		126,468.94

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	\$50,660.04	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	562.78	
Supplies	3,292.49	
Other expenses	736.41	
Operation of plant	5,838.13	
Maintenance of plant	2,030.61	
Capital outlay	2,209.20	
Total—Vocational School		65,329.66

ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:

Instruction salaries	\$ 729.50	
Instruction expenses	54.77	
Total—Elementary Evening School		784.27

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE:

Salary	\$ 387.96	
Total—Compulsory Attendance		387.96

MEDICAL SERVICE:

Salary	1,429.23	
Total—Medical Service		1,429.23

NURSE SERVICE		
Salary	2,104.72	
Other expenses	393.40	
Total-Nurse Service	<u>2,498.12</u>	
Amount Forward		\$285,712.99
HOUSEHOLD ARTS:		
Salaries	\$4,152.02	
Textbooks		
Supplies	313.02	
Maintenance	44.59	
Capital outlay	10.05	
Total-Household Arts		4,519.68
CONTINUATION SCHOOL:		
Salaries	\$443.09	
Textbooks	.97	
Supplies	6.87	
Total-Continuation School		450.93
EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL		
Instruction salaries	\$1,224.50	
Instruction expenses		
Textbooks	15.86	
Supplies	165.00	
Operation of plant	79.50	
Maintenance of plant	18.74	
Total-Evening Vocational School		1,503.60
VISUAL AIDS:		
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies	\$54.09	
Maintenance of Plant	15.60	
Total-Visual Aids		69.69
PLAYGROUNDS:		
Instruction salaries	1,862.50	
Other expenses	957.30	
Total-Playgrounds		2,819.80
RETIREMENT FOR SERVICEMEN		691.00
MILITARY SUPPLEMENTARY SALARIES		2,138.44
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$297,906.13</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1946		2,246.08
		<u><u>\$300,152.21</u></u>

Massachusetts School Fund	\$13,774.85
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant	6,407.38
Vocational School (Day) State Grant	1,627.29
Vocational School-General Vocational	11,636.01
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant	534.82
Household Arts-State Grant	1,220.83
Continuation School-State Grant	298.22
Adult Civic Education	317.18
Worcester Evening Industrial School	9.60
Smith-Hughes, U. S. Government Fund	2,427.11

George-Deen Fund	1,302.37
High School Tuition	7,010.00
Elementary School Tuition	1,661.54
Vocational School Tuition	6,488.18
Cole Trade School, Goods Sold	353.06
Refunds	49.90
Webster Evening Practical Arts School	2.00

Total		\$55,120.34
George-Deen Fund--Balance, December 31, 1946	\$52.75	
Smith-Hughes Fund--Balance, December 31, 1946	22.14	
		74.89

Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer	<u>\$55,045.45</u>
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As Chairman of the School Committee, whose purpose it is to formulate the policies for the School Department, it is my duty to discuss at this point certain pertinent phases of the operation of our public schools.

The effectiveness of our efforts have been, to a great extent, impeded again this year by the sombre aspect of the whole financial picture. The fiscal year just closed has fared no better than the preceding one, since it was found advisable again, at the annual appropriations meeting to have recommended a reduction of some \$13,000 of the requested school budget.

It could be seen clearly at the time that a reduced budget would be totally inadequate to foster an unhampered school program for the greatest good of the greatest number of our school population. There remained but one course of action to follow: to appeal to the proper state agency for protection of the inalienable rights of the School Committee whose members hold sacred the trust of the citizens who have elected them to their posts. However, all possible was done to avert for the town the adverse publicity of a law-suit.

As the fiscal year drew to a close, there was foreseen, as anticipated, a deficit in "Salaries" and "Other Expenses Account". There could not have been a reduction in an otherwise barely adequate personnel. There could not have been a reduction in the already barely adequate supplies. Moreover, normal current expenses had to be met as always. But unfortunately, maintenance had to be restricted. There could be little or no capital outlay, in spite of urgent need, as stressed in last year's report, and the equally urgent recommendations of the building inspectors.

The Special Town Meeting of December 23, 1946 was unwilling to appropriate the needed funds to meet the deficit, but voted the needed amount as an added item to the tax levy of 1947. All expenses of operation will be relatively heavy for several years, no doubt; school costs are a product of the times, and they are beyond your control and mine, just as they are in every other city and town.

The proposed budget for the coming year must be adopted as submitted in order to permit the proper and adequate operation of the School Department. The School Committee will pursue its policy of rendering the utmost service under existing conditions; the effectiveness of its decisions can be limited only by restraining circumstances.

It must nevertheless follow that the highest possible scholastic standing must be maintained in every grade of our schools according to the best educational practices. Likewise, the physical plant must be ameliorated, properly repaired, properly maintained in such a way that each pupil will benefit to the utmost of every educational opportunity, whether in the classroom or on the playground.

Moreover, following the uniformly state-wide and national trend, the educational personnel and other employees, upon duly submitted petitions, have been granted salary increases commensurate with the requirements of the

times. It must be noted that any salary raise has been based on all available figures, plans and practices followed in towns of approximate size throughout the Commonwealth. Southbridge must at least maintain a reasonably safe position relative to its size and resources.

I wish at this time to express to my colleagues on the School Committee my deepest appreciation for their unfailing support. I am equally grateful to all the employees of the School Department for their cooperation and understanding in our common endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR H. GAUMOND
Chairman, School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Arthur H. Gaumond
Chairman, School Committee
Southbridge, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Gaumond:

I have the honor of submitting herewith a first annual report. This report is the sixty-second in the series of annual reports by the Superintendent of Schools.

Since I have had the privilege of being your Superintendent but three months, this can be only an acknowledgement of the situation on my part. Subsequent reports appended hereto, submitted by the heads of the various departments in the school system, will attest to the intense and successful activities within the schools under the able administration of my predecessor, Mr. Channing H. Greene.

It is but recently that the strain of war overshadowed the every effort of the school administration. What irony that Education should ever suffer privations when Education must be the bulwark and strength of our democratic ideals. The dawn of peace was to have significant implications; but the problems in a school system have not vanished, nor have they decreased in number, if they do perhaps differ in degree.

But Education must continue all the more earnestly if the future citizens and leaders of our community are to take their rightful places in a New World which is only now slowly emerging from the chaos of a terribly devastating war. Education has the urgent task of preparing our children to do their part as effective citizens in the restoration of this shattered world and the rebuilding of a meaningful peace.

To this very task, we, in the administration of public schools, dedicate our every effort and pledge our unswerving endeavor, that we may also justify the faith and trust placed in us by the citizens of the Community we serve. As your Superintendent, I will understand that it is the realization of this task before us that will challenge and exact from us our best effort which can only be on the utmost cooperation and understanding in this our common endeavor.

As you have already stated, it is the duty of your committee to formulate the policies of the School Department. The Superintendent of Schools is the executive officer of the School Committee; it is his duty to administer and direct the essence of those policies to their realization. It will be by working in close harmony with every agency of the Community, as well as with every interested citizen who is willing to lend his support that we will see our efforts materialize.

A preliminary survey has revealed several problems on whose solution time and finances will have a direct bearing. Certain situations require immediate attention; others must inevitably enter into a program that will extend

over a period of years. A constant study will be made of the scholastic standard in all our schools, as well as of the physical plant. Efficiency in meeting every demand must always be the keynote, with the assurance to every citizen that the tax dollar expended for the public schools is producing the utmost in desired results.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the privilege of presenting a first message. I have already had many occasions of realizing the support and co-operation of every member of the School Committee, of all the members of our various staffs, as well as of the many citizens it has already been my good fortune to meet, to all I extend my heartfelt appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. BOURGEOIS

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1945 to July, 1946. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1946 to January 1, 1947.

I.—SCHOOL HOUSES (Including Cole Trade High School)—1946

Number Houses—occupied	7	Unoccupied	0
Schoolrooms—occupied	84	Unoccupied	0

II.—TEACHERS (Including Cole Trade High School)

Number of male teachers	28*
Number of female teachers	60* **

III.—PUPILS

Number of children in town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:	
Between the ages of 5 and 7	403
Bewteen the ages of 7 and 14	1,653
Between the ages of 14 and 16	536

Total persons between ages of 5 and 16	2,592
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* Eight full-time substitutes

** Two teachers on leave of absence

Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1945	1946
from September to June	1,623	1,671
Number between 5 and 7	173	191
Number between 7 and 14	901	885
Number between 14 and 16	437	384
Number over 16 years of age	112	211
Average membership	1,549	1,595
Average daily attendance	1,457	1,490
Total enrollment NOTRE DAME		
From September to June	593	563
Number between 5 and 7	63	113
Number between 7 and 14	464	360
Number between 14 and 16	23	70
Number over 16 years of age	43	20
Average membership	557	545
Average daily attendance	520	93
Total enrollment STE JEANNE D'ARC		
From September to June	387	336
Number between 5 and 7	69	74
Number between 7 and 14	292	242
Number between 14 and 16	26	20

Number over 16 years of age		
Average membership	367	329
Average daily attendance	349	313
Total enrollment ST. MARY'S		
from September to June	225	221
Number between 5 and 7	40	32
Number between 7 and 14	135	144
Number between 14 and 16	31	25
Number over 16 years of age	19	20
Average membership	220	222
Average daily attendance	205	206
Total enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH DAY		
from September to June	151	157
Number between 14 and 16	144	129
Number over 16 years of age	7	28
Average membership	93	88
Average daily attendance	84	78
Total enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH COOP.		
From September to June	83	129
Number over 16 years of age	83	129
Average membership	39	54
Average daily-attendance	37	51

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1946

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
High School	234	310	544	543	484.10	510.99	94.79
Charlton St. Gr. VIII	12	16	28	28	25.39	26.44	96.03
Eastford Rd. Gr. VIII	10	12	22	22	19.78	21.12	93.66
Marcy St. Gr. VIII	21	12	33	33	29.99	31.68	94.23
West St. Gr. VIII	11	17	28	28	24.28	25.69	94.32
Charlton St. Gr. VII	15	25	40	40	34.06	32.34	95.26
Eastford Rd. Gr. VII	15	13	28	28	24.81	26.74	92.80
Marcy St. Gr. VII	17	11	28	29	26.03	27.67	94.06
West St. Gr. VII	15	15	30	35	32.10	34.67	92.60
Charlton St. Gr. VI ¹	11	13	24	24	19.74	20.54	96.15
Charlton St. Gr. VI ²	14	13	27	27	22.41	24.05	93.1
Eastford Rd. Gr. VI	16	15	31	31	26.72	28.56	93.2
Marcy St. Gr. VI	13	10	23	23	20.84	21.93	94.99
West St. Gr. VI	17	21	38	38	33.75	36.46	92.60
Charlton St. Gr. V	21	25	46	46	42.26	44.46	95.05
Eastford Rd. Gr. V	17	11	28	28	25.55	27.01	94.62
Marcy St. Gr. V	13	14	27	27	25.65	26.83	95.58
West St. Gr. V	17	13	30	30	29.22	31.11	93.90
Charlton St. Gr. IV	17	19	36	36	34.31	36.21	92.88
Eastford Rd. Gr. IV	13	15	28	29	26.15	27.75	94.23
Marcy St. Gr. IV	14	8	22	22	20.10	21.60	93.01
West St. Gr. IV	20	10	30	30	25.22	26.82	94.03
Charlton St. Gr. III ¹	16	12	28	28	23.87	25.43	93.82
Charlton St. Gr. III ²	15	11	26	26	23.55	25.02	94.12
Eastford Rd. Gr. II & III	18	13	31	31	27.32	29.59	92.20
Marcy St. Gr. III	14	14	28	29	24.67	27.30	90.61
West St. Gr. III ¹	11	16	27	27	24.82	26.41	94.00
West St. Gr. III ²	10	13	23	24	21.28	22.19	93.55

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
Charlton St. Gr. II	16	15	31	31	26.65	29.09	91.61
Eastford Rd. Gr. II & III	18	13	31	31	27.32	29.59	92.20
Marcy St. Gr. II	18	9	27	29	24.22	26.73	90.62
West St. Gr. II	12	18	30	30	24.88	27.45	90.64
Charlton St. Gr. I & II	14	11	25	25	28.10	25.00	92.11
Charlton St. Gr. I	18	13	31	31	27.37	30.08	90.97
Eastford Rd. Gr. I & II	16	17	33	33	25.93	28.05	92.45
Eastford Rd. Gr. I	16	21	37	37	32.57	35.64	91.38
Marcy St. Gr. I	17	18	35	35	24.92	28.16	88.09
River St. Gr. I & II	12	9	21	21	17.34	19.65	85.43
West St. Grade I	25	12	37	38	31.02	35.94	87.44
River St. Manual Arts I		7	7	7	5.36	5.68	94.37
River St. Manual Arts I			12	12	11.56	11.88	85.40
River St. Manual Arts II			12	12	11.21	12.00	93.11
Cole Trade High Day	157		157	157	78.88	88.43	90.69
Cole Trade High Coop	129		129	129	51.26	54.08	95.02

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1945—June 1946 (Girls)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Tot
I	22	46	10	1											79
II		25	31	6	2	2									66
III			21	33	10	7	2	1							74
IV				13	23	10	3	2							51
V					13	34	9	6	1						63
VI						14	34	15	6	2	1				72
VII							13	28	10	9	4				64
VIII							1	9	32	10	5				57
IX									1	28	46	17	2		94
X										21	55	11	1		88
XI										1	23	44	5	1	74
XII											2	18	20	3	43
Ungraded								1		4	2				7
Total	22	71	62	53	48	67	62	62	50	75	138	90	28	4	842

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1945—June 1946 (Boys)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Tot.
I	21	65	6	2	1										95
II		13	48	12	7										80
III			13	26	17	13	4								73
IV				8	25	20	4	5	1						63
V					9	25	12	13	6	3					68
VI						8	29	17	7	6	3	1			71
VII							12	28	12	7	2	1			62
VIII								2	28	19	5				54
IX								1	19	44	21	2			87
X										13	32	11	2	1	59
XI											12	32	11		55
XII												17	20	6	43
Ungraded							1	3	7	6	6	1			24
Total	21	78	67	48	59	66	62	69	80	98	81	65	33	7	834

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Resigned or Leave of Absence	School
January, Resigned	Kathryn Robertson, Mary E. Wells High
January, Resigned	Eva Turner, Marcy Street
February, Retired	Mabel Joy, Marcy Street
March, Resigned	Judith Lynch, River Street
March, Resigned	Wyntha Tompkins, Marcy Street
April, Resigned	Gladys Dukeshire, West Street
June, Retired	Julia Yott, Marcy Street
June, Resigned	Zennon Gerry, West Street
June, Leave of Absence	Kathryn Beauregard, Mary E. Wells High
July Resigned	Nathan W. White, Charlton Street
September, Resigned	Martin Earls, Mary E. Wells High
September, Resigned	Grace Wheeler, Charlton Street
September Resigned	Frances Latham, Mary E. Wells High
September, Resigned	Willard Freeman, River Street
September, Resigned	Francis Rogers, Art
September, Resigned	Berg Paraghamian, Mary E. Wells High
September, Leave of Absence	Alice W. Dion, West Street
September, Leave of Absence	Dorothy Bartoli, Mary E. Wells High
September, Leave of Absence	Gladys Cowan, Marcy Street
October, Retired	Channing H. Greene, Superintendent
Appointed	School
January,	*Martin Earls, Mary E. Wells High
January	*Norman Tardiff, Mary E. Wells High
January	*Emery Lavallee, Cole Trade High
January	*Myron Sibley, Cole Trade High
January	*Harold Andrews, Cole Trade High
January	Ruth Huson, Marcy Street
January	Francis Rogers, Art
March	*Lewis Kyrics, Mary E. Wells High
March	Dorothy Brockway, Marcy Street
April	*Nathan White, Charlton Street
April	*Zenon Gerry, West Street
September	**Liberty Themistocles, Mary E. Wells High
September	Helen Donnelly, Charlton Street
September	Lawrence Swenson, Cole Trade High
September	**Margaret Genereux, Mary E. Wells High
September	***Hannah Cook, Mary E. Wells High
September	**Elinor Small, West Street
October	William L Bourgeois, Superintendent
October	Mary F. Lynch, Marcy Street
December	**Muriel Mundell, River Street

*Returned from military service

**Full-time substitute

***Returned from leave of absence

CORPS OF TEACHERS — JANUARY 1, 1947

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
William L. Bourgeois, A.B., M.A. 1946	Superintendent		Assumption College (a) Boston College Graduate School (b) Harvard; University of Paris, France; Universi- ty of Connecticut (c)

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Joseph B. Hoyt, B.S., M.A. in in Ed.	1945	Director of Occupational Guidance and Placement	Bowdoin (a) Harvard (b) (c)
Marjorie Nichols, B.S.Ed. M. Ed.	1943	Elementary School Supervisor	North Adams (a) Columbia (b)
Elsie A. Hofstra	1933	Secretary to Superintendent	Becker's Business College

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James S. Robertson, B.S. M.Ed.	1937	Principal	B.U. (a) (b) (c) Harvard (c) Mass. Ext. Service (c)
Hedwiga S. Kochanowski	1941	Secretary to Principal	Mary E. Wells H. S.
Pauline M. Aucoin, B.S.	1921	Commercial, French	B.U. (a) (c)
**Dorothy L. Bartioli, B.S. Ed.	1935	English, Guidance, Speech, Modern History	Worcester T.C. (a) Clark (c)
Elsie Benoit, B.S.Ed.	1945	Commercial, Girls' Coach	Salem T.C. (a)
**Kathryn Beauregard, A.B.	1922	French, Spanish, J. Red Cross	Middlebury (a) (c) B.U. (c)
Rose Brodeur, B.S.	1939	Social Studies	B.U. (a) (c) N. Y. University (c)
Constance Coderre, B.S.	1929	Commercial, Student Council	Simmons (a) B.U., Columbia (c)
Hannah B. Cook, B.S.Ed. M.Ed.	1929	History	Hyannis (a), B.U. (b) Clark (c)
Louise B. Corbin	1924	Home Economics, Sr. Red Cross	Fitchburg T.C. Wheaton, Simmons
Priscilla Drake, B.S., M.A.	1928	History, Glee Club	B.U. (a) (b) Springfield, Trinity (c)
Thecla Fitzgerald, A.B., M.Ed.	1926	English, Crimson and Gray	Radcliffe (a) B.U. (b)
*Margaret C. Generoux	1946	English, Civics, Practical Speech	Ohio State University
C. Estelle Hefner, Ph.B.	1933	Latin	Brown U. (a) B.U. (c)

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Persis F. Howe, B.S.Ed.	1930	Commercial	Salem T.C. (a) Columbia, Clark (c)
Barbara H. Kyrics, B.S.Ed.	1940	Home Economics	Framingham T.C. (a) Fitchburg T.C. (c)
Lewis A. Kyrics, A.B., M.A.	1938	Biology ,History	Tufts (a) (b) B.U. (c)
Eino Laakso, A.B., M.A.	1945	Algebra, General Science	Clark (a) (b) B.U. (c)
Harry J. McMahon, Ph.B. M.Ed.	1926	Chemistry, Physics, Coaching	Holy Cross (a) B.U. (b) Harvard (c)
Grace Palmer, B.S.Ed.	1942	English	Worcester T.C. (a) U. of Vt., Columbia (c)
Flora Tait, B.S.Ed., M.A.	1939	Occupations, English, Drama- tic Club	Framingham T.C. (a) B.U. (b) Cornell (c)
*Liberty Themistocles, A.B.	1946	Spanish ,French	Emmanuel (a) Columbia (c)
Frances Troy, B.S.Ed.	1927	Commercial	Salem T.C.(a) B.U. (c)
Lindzay Varnam, B.S.	1943	General Science, Aeronautics	Colby (a) B.U. (c)

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Clark H. Morrell, B.S.Ed.	1931	Director	Fitchburg T.C. (a) Machinist (d)
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	Secretary to Director	N.E. School of Secretarial Science, Columbia
Maureen Baybutt	1942	Clerk	St. Mary's High School, Feener Business School (d) Eight years trade exp.
Harold Andrews	1941	Painting and Decorating (d)	Worcester Boys "Trade, Wentworth Institute, Fitch- burg T.C.
John Benson	1942	Drafting (d)	Northeastern U. Fitchburg T.C.
George H. Braman	-1938	Mathematics and Trade Drawing (d)	Northeastern U., Fitchburg T.C.
Francis E. Couture	1945	Electrical (d)	Worcester Boys' Trade University Extension
William Delaney, B.S.Ed M.Ed.	1940	English	B.U. (a) Boston T.C. (b) Boston College

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Walter J. Glondek	1938	Applied Science, Drafting (d) Cole Trade, Fitchburg T. C., Clark	
Leo Grenier	1936	Machine Work (d) Cole Trade, Fitchburg T.C., University Extension	
Ernest Hall	1926	Industrial Printing (d) Southbridge H. S.	
Nels H. Johnson	1937	Cooperative Machine Shop (d) Lowell Tech., General Elec- at Lynn, Fitchburg T. C.	
William A. Julien A. B.	1945	Mathematics, History Manhattan College (a) Columbia U. (c)	
Emery A. Lavelle	1926	Guidance and Placement Fitchburg T. C. Southbridge Industrial M. E. W. H. S., W. P. I., Draftsman (d)	
William Nickerson	1941	Gen. Voc. Wood Cabinetmaking (d) Norwich U., Fitchburg T. C.	
William Paul	1942	Gen. Voc. Machine Lowell Tech., Fitchburg T. C.	
Frank P. Skinyon, B. S. Ed.	1934	Cabinet Patternmaking (d) Fitchburg T.C. (a) B. U. (c)	
Myron Sibley	1941	Sheet Metal (d) Worcester Boys Trade, Fitchburg T. C.	
Lawrence Swenson	1932	Related Science and Mathematics Wentworth Institute Fitchburg T. C. B. U., Machinist (d)	

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

Raoul O. Lataille, A. B. M. Ed.	1939	Principal Coach Assumption (a) B. U. (b)	
Alma A. Abramson, B. Ed.	1945	Grade 3	Keene T.C.
Patricia P. Callahan, B.S.Ed.	1939	History, Geography Science, Literature in Grades 6, 7, and 8. Westfield T. C. (a) Extension Courses (c)	
Eva A. Cassavant, B. S. Ed. M. A.	1933	History, Geography, Science, Reading in Grades 6, 7, and 8. Worcester T. C. (a) Clark (b)	
Helen E. Donnelly, A. B.	1946	English in Grades 6, 7, and 8 Mass. State (a) Extension Courses (c)	
Charlotte M. Henderson, B. A. Ed.	1944	Grade 2	Keene T.C. (a)
Edith C. Howes, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 3	Hyannis T. C. (a)

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Bridie M. McSweeney, B. S. Ed.	1945	Grade 4	Willimantic T. C. (a)
Eva P. Salviuolo, B. S. Ed.	1943	Grade 1	Worcester T. C. (a)
Marie J. Saunders	1924	Mathematics in Grades 6, 7, and 8	Westchester T. C. Extension Courses
Viola E. Sweeney, B. S. Ed.	1945	Grade 5	Fitchburg T. C. (a)
Florida G. Tarquinic, B. S. Ed.	1942	Grade 5	Worcester T. C. (a)

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Laurenda A. Boyer	1926	Principal	B. U., Worcester T. C. University Extension Courses
Corrine E. Beaudreau	1924	Grade 1	University Extension Courses
*** Marjorie Campbell, B. S. Ed.	1933	English and Reading in Grades 6 7, and 8	Bridgewater T. C. (a) Simmons (c) Columbia, Harvard, B. U.,
Bertha Foley	1912	Grade 2	Worcester T. C. University Extension Courses
Kathleen Frantz, B. S.	1945	Grade 5	Eau Claire T. C. (a)
Irene V. Gough	1914	Social Studies and Music in Grades 6, 7, and 8	Worcester Domestic Science School University Extension Courses
* Myrtle B. Jodrey	1944	Mathematics and Science in Grades 6, 7, and 8	Fitchburg T. C. University Extension Courses
Julia C. Morrill	1914	Grade 3	St. Joseph's Normal, University Extension Courses
Emile Roberts, B. S. Ed.	1944	Grade 4	Worcester T. C. (a) Hyannis T. C. Clark, U. of N. H. (c)

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Principal	Art, and Music St. Ann's Academy, Fitchburg T. C., Hyannis T. C., University Extension Courses
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	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Dorothy M. Brockway	1943	Grade 2	Framingham T. C., University Extension Courses
Mabel A. Chamberlain	1902	Grade 1	University Extension Courses
Elizabeth Curtis, A. B. B. S. Ed.	1944	Grade 5	B. U. (a) Salem T. C. (a) Harvard (c)
Camella Dintini, B. S. Ed.	1940	Grade 4	Worcester T. C. (a) Clark, Harvard (c)
Ruth Huson	1945	Grade 3	Maine State Norman School, Hyannis T. C. B. U., Gorham T. C.
Constance L'Ecuier, B. S. Ed. M. A.	1940	Social Studies and English in Grades 6, 7, and 8	Fitchburg T. C. (a) B. U. (b) Boston Nursery School, Smith College, Kindergarten, Worcester T. C., Columbia, Extension Courses (c)
Mary F. Lynch, A. B.	1946	Science and Lit. in Grades 6, 7, 8	Emmanuel College (a) Fitchburg T. C., Providence T. C. (c)
Bertha L. Wallace	1922	Mathematics and English in Grades 6, 7, 8	Hyannis T. C. B. U., University Extension Courses

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

*Clara M. Reed	1918	Acting Principal Special Classes	Westfield T. C., Worcester Girls' Trade School, Harvard, Extension Courses
Constance M. Earls	1943	Grades 1 and 2	Fitchburg T. C.
Cecelia B. Lamy, B. S. Ed.	1940	Special Classes	Salem T. C. (a) Wellesley, Extension Courses (c)
Muriel Mundell *Armand Proulx	1946	Sewing, Cooking, and Music Building Assistant, Shop Work	

WEST STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine, A. B. M. Ed.	1944	Acting Principal Athletic Coaching Remedial Reading	Assumption College (a) B. U. (b) Springfield Col. Clark; Northeastern; Ox- ford University, England; Harvard (c)
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	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Dorothy E. Cargill, B. S. Ed.	1945	Grade 4	U. of Vt. (a)
*M. Elsie Hachey	1947	Grade 4	Plymouth T. C. Keen T. C.
Everett H. Holmes, A. B.	1945	English Lit., and Spelling in Grades 6, 7, 8.	Colby College (a) B. U., Harvard (c)
Cathryn Maxwell	1945	Grade 1	Lowell T. C.
Edith M. Randall	1920	Grade 2	University Extension
Ruth W. Sampson	1939	Grade 5	Westfield T. C. University Extension (B. U.)
*Dorothy M. Sheriffs	1945	Grade 3	Westfield T. C.
*Elinor H. Small, A. B.	1946	Mathematics, and Science in Grades 6, 7, 8,	Pembroke College (a)
M. Celestine Sweet	1932	Social Studies, Art and Music in Grades 6, 7, 8	College of Our Lady of the Elms, Hyannis T. C. Extension Courses, (B. U.)

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Claire Birtz	1937	Art	Worcester School of Art, B. U.
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Director of	Continuation School St. Ann's Academy, Fitchburg T. C.
Constance L'Ecuyer B. S. Ed. M. A.	1940	Director of	Americanization Fitchburg T. C. (a) B. U. (b) Boston Nursery School, Smith College Kindergarten, Worcester T. C., Columbia, Extension Courses (c)
*Full-time substitute		Notes—	(a) Bachelor's Degree
**On leave of absence			(b) Master's Degree
***Returned January 6, 1947 after			(c) Graduate Work
			(d) Eight years trade exp.

JANITORS

Frederick P. Alger	1947	West Street School
Philias Caron	1945	Mary E. Wells High School
John B. Craite	1946	Cole Trade High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street (Cole Trade High School)
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Mary E. Wells High School
Napoleon Martel	1945	Mary E. Wells High School
Henry Masse	1942	River Street School
Omer Metivier	1938	Marcy Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my tenth annual report as Principal of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1946-1947 is divided as follows: Seniors, 115; Juniors, 124; Sophomores, 141; Freshmen, 140; Veterans and specials, 27—a total of 547 pupils. :

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses; namely, Academic, Commercial, and General.

Ninety-five pupils were graduated on June 20, 1946 and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

CLASS OF 1946—Academic

*Barbara May Armes
*Richard Gordon Bennett
*John Louis Ciprari
*Margaret Marie Dendurand
*Georgette Louise Gatineau
*Patricia Ann Hyland
*Margaret Elizabeth Jones
*Mary Kathryn Jones
*Claire Roslyn LaForce
*Louise Marie LeClair

*Carl Edward Matson
*Bernard Paul McMahon
*Thomas Francis O'Brien
*Joy Oker
*Carl Melvin Olson
*Islay Isabelle Palmer
Doris Paul
Charles Edward Peloquin
*Jean Elizabeth Small
*Nancy Jane Wilkinson

COMMERCIAL

Dorothy Rita Allard
*Wanda Sharon Boksa
Rachel Amanda Bousquet
Roger Louis Champagne
Catherine Ann Costa
*Ann Claire Denault
*Margaret Ethel Douty
*Rachel Germaine Jalbert
*Theresa Mary Kwiatkowski

*Rita Theresa Leduc
*Felice Yvonne Letourneau
*Lucille Helene Lusignan
*Bessie Michael
*Mary Rydensky
Stefanie Slota
*Lorraine Mirriam Staves
*Theresa Madelyn Swirbliss
Rachel Theresa Trudeau

*Helen Agnes Welk

GENERAL

*Caroline Rebecca Alger
Samuel Athanas
Martha Selma Bagley
*George Bandelli
Julian Leroy Benvenuti, Jr.
*Doris Melvina Bibeau
Claire Eleanor Boehm
Benoit Earl Boissoneault
Betty Theresa Boudreau
Albert Paul Brousseau
Laura Theresa Ciesla
Olga Regina Cleri
*Tina Susan Curcuruto
Mary Frances Curran
*Anne Victoria Damian
Veronica Mary DiFederico
Rudolph Alphonse DiGregorio
Gerald Joseph Gregoire
*Robert Luddy Harman
Roger John Hebert
George Edward Keyes

*Pauline Frances Madore
*Phyllis Theresa Maloney
Mary Ann Marino
James Edward Mogavero
Constance Pauline Proulx
Dimitri Rapo
Dorcas Mae Renaud
*James Oliver Roberts
Robert John Shaw
Laurence J. Simonds, Jr.
Barbara Marie Steigler
Paul Anthony St. Martin
Jean Elizabeth Swan
Chester Stanley Szydluk
Victoria Nadia Themistocles
Peter Theodoss
*George Herman Thibeault
Kenneth Fred Whiteoak
Michael Ziu
**Rita Langevin Richard
**Mary Kontaxi

William Allen King
Gertrude Bridget Kornasky
*Bessie Kraly
Pearl Rose LaPlante
Christie Legori
Robert Rodolph L'Homme
Laura Hedwiga Lupa

**Edward Joseph LaBelle
**Donald Anderson Duffus
**Clement Benvenuti
**Ernest Howarth
**Vincent Caplette
**Charles Kollios
**Irene Lucier

*General average of 80% earned for four years.

**Diploma earned through in-service training or correspondence courses.

The courses given at the Mary E. Wells High School are the same as have been given in the past few years. Stress is laid upon the preparation for good citizenship and the subjects are taught not only with the view of knowledge for its own sake in mind but with emphasis on how knowledge so gleaned can be turned in practical living results.

Furthermore, the Mary E. Wells High School has been geared to meet the needs of returning veterans. Twenty-eight veterans have come to the school for further preparation for college or for some higher institution of learning. It is to the credit of the excellent faculty of the High School that these veterans are receiving the type of instruction that post high schoolers need and desire.

The leading innovation in the machinery of the Mary E. Wells High School is the advent of the Voucher System. Following is an account of its inauguration and the way in which it has worked out.

At the recommendation of the High School Principal the School Committee approved the inauguration of the Mary E. Wells High School Activity Fund. This deals with all funds handled by all school and class activities and is designed to make it possible to check the accuracy of all cash received and paid out during the year. Money received is deposited in this central fund in a local bank and is subject to withdrawal by the organizations on demand. This payment of cash is delegated to one person who is held accountable for every cent disbursed.

At the suggestion of the cashier of the Southbridge National Bank and after gleaning ideas from many schools who have a similar plan, the voucher system was inaugurated.

In short, for each payment of cash—no currency payment is made—a special printed form, a voucher, a memorandum which supports, authorizes, and furnishes proof of payment is filled out and signed by each advisor of the organization before any expenditure can be made. A check is then drawn, signed by the person handling the fund and the principal. The cancelled check and its accompanying voucher is therefore a receipt that a certain bill has been paid.

It may be interesting to mention here that twice during 1946 we were called upon to prove payment of two items, on a Federal Tax. This is when our voucher system spared the school much probing, arguing, and a second payment of the item in question.

Besides this, as a balanced ledger is kept, it is possible to give at a moment's notice the balance credited to each organization, anytime—each month a miniature bank statement is given—and with the help of a Cash Book, minute details needed in making class reports can be obtained. Already the Student Activity Fund has a considerable number of accounts to take care of, and the benefits and help derived from the use of this system is more than commensurate with the time needed in operating it.

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1 That a new six year high school be erected. Such a procedure would eliminate the overhead of two central plants, in that one principal, one set of janitors, and one faculty would take care of the education of the young people from the seventh grade through the twelfth grade. Such a system would help the adolescent child to make the transition from the lower grades into the upper easier and would allow department heads to correlate their work schedule in a more satisfactory manner. Many of our leading educators of today are pointing

out the fact that the Junior High School system is responsible for too much of a break in the continuous school growth of the child, and are recommending strongly the six year high school plan.

2 That a library be started, and a teacher-librarian be appointed.

3 That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.

4 That rooms be provided for sick pupils and larger nurse's quarters be installed.

5 That the old and worn out equipment in the Commercial Department be replaced as soon as possible when such equipment becomes available.

6 That the Household Arts Department be renovated and modern equipment installed as soon as purchase of same is feasible.

7 That new seating equipment of the Assembly Hall be provided.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the High School and I extend my thanks to the School Department for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON

Principal

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request I hereby submit my annual report. In contrast to my last report, which covered the period September — January 1945-6, this report will include all activities for the past twelve months.

The purpose of a guidance office being to assist pupils in their various problems, a large proportion of my time is spent in individual conferences. As they vary from a five minute job hunting visit to a two hour counseling conference, a statistical report on the number would be misleading. On the average 15-18 pupils visit the office every day.

COUNSELING

Guidance problems range from the comparatively simple ones of desiring to change one's school program or seeking a job, to the more complex conferences designed to assist a student to plan his educational future, choose an occupation, or those arranged to help students failing in school work, or helping students in any of their many problems. Each of the six hundred pupils who have been in or graduated from Wells High School since last September has had at least one contact with the office, some many more. The largest number of conferences held with, or on, a student is 28 accounting for approximately 20 hours. I should estimate that over one-half of my time is spent in this way.

TESTING

Testing pupils to help collect the evidence on which these counseling interviews are based takes up another considerable fraction of my time. Tests are given to pupils in all four years of the high school and to both public and parochial school eighth graders. Students are tested in many different lines, some of the types of tests given are, Intelligence, Aptitude, Interest, and Personality. Over 300 children were tested during the 1945-6 school year, and over 150 have been tested since September. Time involved varies from 20 minutes to 180 minutes to administer the test, and much longer to score.

PLACEMENT

A third function of the office is placement. Since January 1946, 73 part or full-time jobs have been located and filled through the placement work of this office: in about two-thirds of these positions the students placed is still there. Placement work is concentrated mainly at two periods during the year, at Christmas and in the spring, although it goes on steadily throughout the year. Some 250 students are registered in the placement office as either seeking or holding jobs. At the present moment there are approximately 50 actively seeking work, and over 100 working on a part-time basis. This does not count

the girls working spasmodically as household assistants or taking care of children. About one out of every five pupils coming into the office comes in connection with the placement program.

GROUP WORK

In addition to the conferences with individuals described above, some problems, common to several students, are handled by working with groups. As an illustration of this I might mention trips taken to Massachusetts State College, Becker Junior College, and Brancroft School to help students plan their further education. Talks have been given by me or arranged for outside speakers to assist in vocational planning on the part of the students. Movies have been shown, and visits arranged to various industries and other business establishments in town.

SPECIAL COURSES

Recognizing the fact that, while Southbridge ably prepares its high school graduates for college and for work in office positions, its general and household arts graduates are not prepared for any particular vocation. We have had a course in Salesmanship for some years in the high school; this course, with the capable assistance of the teacher and Mr. Robertson, has been developed into a cooperative course to afford the students practical experience in store work. Local store owners and managers have been very generous with their time and counsel in the work of organizing the course. Visiting speakers or films help to bring the practical side of selling into the school.

SUB- FRESHMEN

The responsibility of the guidance office not being limited to the high school, considerable time was spent with the eighth grade pupils of both the public and parochial schools last spring. In an effort to help these pupils make the most important educational decision they have as yet faced, visits were arranged for all public school eighth graders plus those in the Sturbridge school to the Mary E. Wells High School. All boys visited the Cole Trade School as well. At the high school they were welcomed by Mr. Robertson and the Student Council after which they visited some ten classes, leaving with a much clearer picture of what high school meant.

Essentially the position of Guidance Director and/or Counselor offers the youth of Southbridge access to an educational worker possessed of a fund of educational and occupational information whose primary job is to help the individual adjust himself to the system, or in certain cases adjust the system to him. To every parent the success or failure of the schools depend upon what the schools have done for his child. Every child has, at certain times in his school life, need for specialized assistance beyond the capacity of a teacher or the principal, this assistance is furnished by the Guidance office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. HOYT, Director

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

No spectacular or drastic changes have been made in our school organization, subject matter, or methods, but steady and gradual progress has been made in raising our standards of achievement. To this end, much individual counseling and guidance has been done by means of individual conferences.

A study of the SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM was made and an outline prepared by a committee of teachers in this field from each building under the chairmanship of the supervisor. A tentative Curriculum Outline has been mimeographed and is now being used. Text books in these subjects (Geography and History) are still in the process of being studied and several sets are being used on a trial basis until a selection is made of the books best suited to our needs.

TEACHERS' NOTE BOOKS have been distributed to each teacher, composed of such items as professional outlines in the following subjects: art, health, social studies, arithmetic, and aviation: aims in primary education, seatwork

suggestions, data on schedules of classes, professional ethics, report cards, and inspirational materials. An individual conference was held with each teacher concerning the contents and use of the notebooks which are considered school property.

BOOKS—Continued effort has been made to provide opportunity for study and adoption of more reference books and text books to meet classroom needs for both pupils and teachers use. This is being done gradually because of the expense involved. New text books are always studied by teachers, principals, and supervisor before selection is made by vote of the majority. The general basis of selection is, "The book meets the needs of the pupils better than any other."

All of the effort, study, testing, and counseling in this office is toward the general aim of "better instruction for our pupils, and equalized opportunity for all children."

The following activities are itemized under several general headings, the better to indicate to the reader the exact duties of this office. However, much of the individual contacts with teacher and pupil as well as the administrators cannot be measured in a material sense.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE H. NICHOLS,

Supervisor of Elementary Education

ITEMIZED ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 1946

Supervisor of Elementary Education

Visits to Buildings	
Marcy Street	79
Charlton Street	77
West Street	57
Eastford Road	66
River Street	46
Others	4
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Totals	329
Conferences	
INDIVIDUAL	
Principals	157
Superintendent	36
Teachers	153
Guidance Director	21
Nurse	6
Parents	10
Publishing Co. Representatives	16
With Others	34
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	433
Group	31
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Totals	464
Meetings	
Principals	7
Teachers	27
Committees	11
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Totals	45
Other Professional Contacts	
Classroom Visits	536
Out of Town Contacts	10
Lectures	7
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Totals	553

Testing

INDIVIDUAL

Pre-School

43

M. A.

37

Achievement

19

99

CLASSROOM

M. A.

24

Achievement

14

38

Totals

137

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report.

The objectives and facilities of this school have been challenged to their limits during the calendar year of 1946. Although the curricula of its courses are extremely flexible the adjustment of the many veterans seeking its services, they having a multitudinous variety of experiences and education, is indeed an accomplishment. This experience, not yet ended, is another demonstration of how this school has arisen to the occasion of supplying an economic, social and individual need when a crisis happens. The sudden return of veterans to civilian life has been a critical period for all vocational educational institutions.

STATISTICAL REPORT ON VETERANS ENROLLED IN REGULAR COURSES

Course	Enrolled Coop.	Enrolled Day
Electrical	3	14
Painting-Decorating	1	2
Patternmaking	1	1
Printing	5	
Carpentry	2	
Factory Maintenance	1	
Cabinetmaking	1	10
Drafting	2	24
Machine	19	7
Sheet Metal		5
	35	63

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Edward Dudek and Raymond Gatineau have received their journeyman's electrician license to ply their trade.

Irving Harding has been placed with Forest Service Corporation as a furniture refinisher. He received his training in the Painting and Decorating Department.

VETERANS TRAINING UNDER G. I. BILL 346

The Veteran's "On the Job Training" program under the G. I. Bill 346 has developed rapidly during the last year. 298 veterans have been established under 196 vocational training programs with 104 different service, agricultural and manufacturing firms located in Southern Worcester County. The many problems arising from coordinating these programs with the veterans bureau have been handled to the satisfaction of the several parties concerned.

DEMAND FOR VOCATIONAL AND TRADE HIGH COURSES

The demand for training has exceeded the facilities of most departments.

The fact that the majority of the veterans enrolled in these courses are graduates of academic high schools and received full credit for academic work done, is a relief to the academic department of this school. In general the present membership exceeds the normal instructor load. The establishment of a "waiting list" for admission may be expected early next Fall.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	Coop.	Day	Total
In school at end of year	55	156	211
Graduated	22		22
Certificated		3	3
Entering	5	4	9
Entering other occupations	9	31	40
Entering armed service	8	4	12
Unfit for trade subjects		7	7
Returned to Grammar or High School	1	6	7
Left because of illness	1	1	2
Left town		1	1
Transferred to Coop. School		16	16
Transferred to Day School	5		5
Total membership for year 1946	106	229	335
Enrolled during year	56	139	195

EVENING SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Courses	Instructor	Number Enrolled
Building Estimating —	William Julien	16
Cabinetmaking I —	Frank Skinyon	23
Cabinetmaking II —	William Nickerson	20
Drafting —	George Braman, Lawrence Swenson	28
Electrical —	Francis Couture	18
Machine —	Walter Glondek, Leo Grenier	18
Applied Mathematics —	John Benson	26
Metallurgy —	Carl Samans	13
Plumbing —	Antonio Blanchet	22
Welding-Sheet Metal —	Myron Sibley	15
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Three new programs were offered in the technical field but only one was in sufficient demand to establish the course. Those offered were (1) precision Measurements, (2) Industrial Physics Applied, (3) Metallurgy. The latter course survived.

DEMAND FOR VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL COURSE

Eighteen students enrolled in this course. Three have dropped it. There is reason to believe it is serving the needs of a selective group of secondary school graduates who can profit by this training. As reported last year, this is a program to train technicians with a basic education and experience in machine design. Shop experience is had in Machine, Sheet Metal, Welding and Patternmaking, General and Applied Mathematics in Algebra, Plane and Solid Geometry and Trigonometry. General and Applied Physics are geared to the subject of Machine Drafting. They can also be accredited for college entrance requirements.

GRADUATES

CABINET MAKERS

Francis Valentine Kolodziejczak

ELECTRICIANS

Daniel Paul Fiorelli

Norman Morris Augusto

Roland Theodore Marchessault

FACTORY MAINTENANCE

Frederick Anthony Czyzewski

John Rutcho

Bernard Stephen Zajac

DRAFTSMEN

Joseph Jacob Pienta
Raymond Chapman Carrier Jr.

Richard Oswald Cavanaugh
Raymond Stanley Jeramenik

MACHINISTS

Leo Caouette
Alfred Louis Cote
John Alfred Cavanaugh
Robert John Gajewski
John Calvin Palmer Jr.

Robert Walter Osowski
Walter Henry Dziura
Francis Victor Dziembowski
Bronislaus Joseph Milas
Carl Fred Rulli

SHEET METAL

Edward Joseph Cloutier

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mr. Nels H. Johnson was appointed the Department Head of the Machine Shops.

Mr. Lawrence Swenson rejoined the faculty to teach Applied Mathematics and Science.

Mr. Antonio Blanchet was engaged to teach subjects related to Plumbing in the Evening Trade Extension program.

Dr. Carl Samans was engaged to teach Metallurgy in the Evening Trade Extension program.

Miss Maureen Baybutt was engaged to succeed Mrs. Georgette LeBoeuf as clerk.

Miss Helen Matys was engaged as a part-time clerk in the Veterans program.

Mr. John Craite was engaged as Building Custodian to succeed Mr. Charles Quevillon.

RECOGNITION FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

The retirement of Mr. Charles Quevillon ended a service as Building Custodian which is highly commended and appreciated. Recognition of this event was made by all the personnel of this school at the annual outing last June. It becomes a permanent record to wish him a long life of happiness and service to others.

NEW FACILITIES

A new heat treatment department was established adjacent to the machine shop. The equipment includes a Rockwell Hardness Tester, Carburizing Furnace, Automatic Electric Furnace, Gas Furnace, Hot Air Tempering Furnace and accessories. The Electrical Department of the school installed the electric supply equipment and controls.

MACHINE SHOP REORGANIZED

A master job of relocating the machine tools in the Machine Shop was accomplished by the students of this department aided by students of the Electrical, Cabinet, Sheet-Metal, Painting and Decorating Departments.

BUILDING REPAIRS

The Science room was refinishing by the Painting and Decorating Department.

The roof was repaired and the outside wood finish was painted by local contractors.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK H. MORRELL, Director

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

At the outset of this report we are happy to state that the general physical health of the children in our Public Schools is indeed at a gratifyingly high level.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

This fact is borne out through our general physical examinations of all the pupils of the first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth and twelfth grades completed this year. In the latter three grades our examination was restricted to the boys only, since the girls of such grades are examined by Dr. Adah B. Eccleston.

In compliance with instructions from the Division of Child Welfare of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, annual examinations are now done only in the alternate odd grades. Thus each child undergoes general physical inspection every two years, unless some particular defect in his condition should make annual or more frequent examination advisable. This has meant a lesser number of children to be examined annually together with a better opportunity for a more detailed inspection of each child.

DAILY OFFICE HOUR

A further check on the general health in our schools is afforded us through a daily one hour office period, which is observed each school day from 8 A. M. to 9 A. M. At this time each child, who has been absent from school on account of illness for three days, or more, calls at the School Physician's office for physical inspection and issuance of a health certificate before being readmitted to school. The purpose of this inspection is to protect the children already in school from possible exposure to infection from those children whose illness has caused them to be absent. As a further precaution in this direction, the above inspection is even required of those children, claiming absence from school by reason of illness for a single day immediately preceding or following week-ends or other vacation periods.

At this point we wish to extend our hearty commendations to the teachers of all our schools for their rigid and faithful adherence to the above regulation. We would also most cheerfully commend the teachers for their alertness in detecting disturbances in the condition of the pupils under their supervision, particularly suspicious skin infections, and in submitting these children to the immediate attention of the School Physician. Through this alertness our teachers deserve credit for preventing serious outbreaks of troublesome infections in our schools.

X-RAY EXAMINATION

It is a source of profound satisfaction to us to report at this time to the citizens of Southbridge that the entire student body as well as the teaching and administrative personnel of Mary E. Wells High School and Cole Trade School were afforded the benefit of an individual chest X-ray examination last June, when the Mobile Unit of the Massachusetts Tuberculosis Association favored our municipality with a visit. Through we have no composite report on the results of this survey, it is a source of comfort to know that any member of our school personnel, who submitted to this examination and was found to disclose any suspicion of possible infection, has had the condition called to his attention and has been instructed to confer with his or her personal physician.

ACCIDENTS

We are gratified to report that our schools were singularly free from serious accidents during the year just past. It might be pointed out that in the handling of accidents as well as sudden illness arising in our schools, it is our strict policy to render emergency treatment only and then to refer the child to the immediate care of his or her private physician.

HEALTH INSPECTION

Periodic sanitary inspection of the various schools have revealed conditions in the school buildings to be most commendable, which is to the credit of all principals and janitors.

This report is being supplemented statistically through the report of the School Nurse, whom we wish to thank especially at this time for her most invaluable assistance in the examining of the children and recording of our findings, as well as in her follow-up work in the case of children found to have some physical defect. It is through her personal contact with the parents of such children that the correction of most defects is insured.

We would be lacking in completeness of this report if we omitted special

mention of the unwavering courtesy and cooperation of our Superintendent, our Principals and Teachers. Through their attitude toward the School Physician they have shown their awareness of the importance of the physical welfare of each child in school and have contributed unstintingly to make our department as efficient as possible.

As a closing word we would urge the parents of our school children to continue and even increase their response to the instructions from their School Health Department. Without such cooperation, this department can hardly expect to report ever improving health standards in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM E. LANGEVIN, M. D.
School Physician

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I wish to take this opportunity to report on the physical health program in our Southbridge public schools—some of it new, some of it a successful repetition of programs of preceding years. The aim is "a perfect program."

The School Health Program covers service to five elementary schools and two secondary schools with an enrollment of 1,785 students in 1945-1946 and 1,853 students in 1946-1947.

Physical examinations are given to all children enrolling in the Southbridge public schools for the first time in the first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and twelfth grades; to athletes, and to specially selected children from other grades. These examinations are given to determine the child's physical status, his health needs, and to provide an opportunity for health education.

Approved vision and hearing tests are given annually and received careful follow-up. Systematic readings of heights and weights are taken and recorded twice yearly in elementary schools by the teachers, and once yearly in high school by the nurse. Daily observation and inspection is made of children's behavior and attitudes by each home-room teacher, with attention given to mental and emotional factors as well as physical conditions. A weekly Dental Clinic at the Town Hall, under the supervision of the Board of Health, is available to pupils of the four lower grades. Parents of these pupils sign a dental permit. Three hundred students attended during the 1945-1946 school year.

In all our elementary schools, time is allowed for each grade to participate in physical training. There is need of a trained physical director who could devote one day a week in each school. This is one objective to keep in mind and for which to work.

Health education, as a means of improving health and well-being, is taught and practiced throughout the school day. Dental hygiene is given constant consideration. Parents will help by discussing their children's problems with the teacher and nurse.

It should be clearly understood that the school examination is in no way meant to be a substitute for the careful yearly examination by the family physician in his own office. The only object of the examination is to determine that the child has no defect which will prevent him from carrying on normal school life, or will be aggravated by school work.

From February 1946 to June 1946, 625 children were given physical examinations. Since the opening of this school year in September, 881 children have been examined. Where defects are found, a slip is mailed to the parents. Parents are asked to cooperate with us by taking their children to their attending physician or dentist when a defect slip is received, so that further investigation and supervision of health problems may be made. While conducting our physical examination, both the doctor and nurse make a special effort to have the examination constitute a real educational experience. Posters on posture are used and folders, published by the Massachusetts Public Health Department, are handed out to each student. These folders vary in character with the grade of

the pupils. Special emphasis is placed on general cleanliness, the importance of eating a good breakfast, posture, and the need for periodical dental care and constant personal dental hygiene.

In our follow-up work, the child found with a defect is re-examined the following school year to verify whether the reported defect has been corrected. A home visit is made by the nurse to the parents of children whose defects have gone unattended.

The nature of the defects found are mainly in the following order: throat, teeth, feet, vision, hearing, poor posture, heart condition, poor nutrition, and a few curvatures of the spine.

Since February, the nurse has made:

Visits to schools	250
Assisted at physical examinations	1,506
Class room inspections	90
Individual conferences	150
Consultations with parents	8
Home visits	86
Rendered first-aid	19

In April, a class in Home Nursing was started for River Street School girls. Eight girls were given the course. Mrs. Andrews assisted the nurse with the course. The girls did exceptionally well.

The nurse also assisted the Board of Health nurse with the four Diphtheria Toxoid Clinics for Pre-School and School children, conducted in April and May at the Town Hall. One hundred five school children and 23 pre-school children attended.

The school nurse also assisted the Board of Health nurse with the four Pre-School Clinics held in the Town Hall in June. One hundred and fifty-five children attended the registration clinics and 84 returned for physical examinations.

On June 18 and 19, while the Mobile X-ray Unit, made available to the public through the purchase of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals, was in Southbridge, the following were x-rayed:

442	students at Mary E. Wells High School
107	students at Cole Trade High School
38	school personnel

A week before the Unit was in Southbridge, a film on Tuberculosis was shown to the students at Mary E. Wells High School and at Cole Trade High School, and our school physician, Dr. William Langevin, addressed the assembly. The response on the part of the students was splendid, and most gratifying to anyone helped organize the program.

The sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals also made it possible for us to send six boys to the Sterling Health Camp for the summer. These candidates were chosen by both the Board of Health nurse and the school nurse, keeping in mind tuberculosis contracts or undernourished children.

In concluding this report, the people of Southbridge should be told that our two school physicians, our principals, our teachers, and the school nurse are doing all in their power to stress the importance of good health to each child. Children carry all this valuable information home, but there are still many parents who fail to show the interest which their child's welfare deserves.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO HELP:

In our civic effort to develop a strong and sound young generation, the home still remains the central and chief agency. It is the home that builds bone and muscle and red blood through provision for an adequate and balanced diet; through provision for regulated sleep and rest; through the development of habits of cleanliness, and through the regular use of private medical and dental care. The schools may teach youth the principles of strength and robust health, but the home must bring these theories and these practices into a permanent,

continuing program of everyday living if our boys and girls are to develop physically and mentally to their utmost.

PARENTS, PLEASE HELP!

Your school nurse will be happy to discuss any health problem with you. She is available for conferences at her office, or for home visits at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA C. PINSONNEAULT,

School Nurse

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The position of the attendance supervisor covers a wide range of services from those of the social worker acting in the capacity of child counsellor to appearing in court when necessity requires. It is a thankless job. The fairly rigid state laws are observed, and the attendance work is carried on in a business-like manner.

School attendance should be the normal life of the normal child. If a child is absent from school, there is a reason even in the case of truancy. Absence from school is always indicative of some irregularity in the life of the child. It is the duty of the attendance officer to discover the reason for absence and to make proper adjustments, if necessary, by visiting the school or the home or both.

Why do children miss school? Primarily, they are absent because of illness; second, for some disturbing cause usually emanating from a factor within the home—no shoes, no rubbers, no ironed shirt, no lunch, a sick mother, a broken clock, a brother home from the service, and the ever-present truancy are the most frequent causes.

A great challenge to all educators is the large family of ever-tardy, always-dirty, frequently-ill children. Many of these homes reveal parents who are indifferent, oftentimes with borderline intelligence, and who are also borderline, economically. They seem able to earn some money but incompetent to spend it wisely and meet bills with it. Nutrition is poor and the children's teeth will be carious. The children smell dirty and they are dirty. They sniffle and snuff all autumn, winter, and spring. Their shoes are always holey, and their clothes always in a state of great disrepair. They are out of school one-third of the time. These children, nevertheless, have a right to as much education as any other average child, but unfortunately will get one-half as much.

Then comes the truant. Children are truant for one reason only—they are running away from something. The easiest truancy problem to solve is that of the children who run away from the actual school situation itself. A child can usually tell if it is the actual school work he dislikes, and an analysis of his abilities, his interests, and his program can help make such adjustments that school living is a happier experience for him. Often the truant does not know why he did skip school. It is difficult to get an explanation from him. Then a home visit with some knowledge and an analysis of existing home conditions reveal all the types of emotional disturbances that account for truancy.

Lack of parental supervision is the root of the majority of evils where children are concerned. Children 7, 8, and 9 years of age can be seen walking in "gangs" and playing in the streets late at night. Little by little, vandalism, a form of juvenile delinquency, begins and juvenile delinquency can develop very quickly and in every way when the children are not properly supervised.

The majority of juvenile problems, today, represent neglected children, not necessarily underprivileged, but rather children who have been neglected or pampered. Some of them wind up in our juvenile courts today because of the failure of someone to give them an adequate and happy home life. It takes more than four walls to make a home. It is almost too late to become interested in Jimmy and his friends after they wind up in juvenile courts. It cannot be denied that adult delinquency is the root of whatever increase there is in juvenile

problems. Why not give our children everything they need for a future happy life instead of moulding them for and leading them to our overcrowded penal institutions?

The following report gives an account of the work done during the past year:

Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	403
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,653
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	536
Number of pupils investigated for absences due to illness, truancy, lack of clothing, contagious diseases, and other reasons.	579
Cases investigated for home permits	52
Cases of persistent tardiness	38
Cases of children working unlawfully	65
Follow-up and friendly visits	39
Number of children assisted with shoes and clothing	14
Number of children adjusted in their school work	33
Number of employment certificates 16-21 literate	750
Number of employment certificates 16 21 illiterate	22
Number of employment certificates 14-16 limited	96
Home permits	11
Newsboy's badges and Street Trades	8

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

Attendance Officer

REPORT OF THE VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This is a report of activity in the Visual Aids Department from January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946.

In obtaining films for the schools I have attempted to obtain free commercial films whenever possible. Well-known companies engaged in food, clothing, transportation, building materials, pharmaceutical supplies, as well as numerous other products, seek to advertise their merchandise through the medium of films. These films for the most part are cleverly produced. They carry vital teaching lessons, as well as important information to the pupils of this town.

Briefly, here are the contents of some films exhibited:

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| 1 The making of a tire | 6 Telephone communication |
| 2 The growing of coffee | 7 Progress of radio |
| 3 Lumber and homes | 8 The petroleum industry |
| 4 Salmon in Alaska | 9 Seeing America |
| 5 The making of bread | 10 Work of railroads |

Now and then I get requests for certain films that are not produced as advertising mediums. As a result, I obtain these films from the Y.M.C.A. Film Exchange at a low rental charge.

During this period, the two sound projectors were in unreliable working condition due to the lack and unavailability of replacement parts. Consequently, the extent of their widespread use was at times limited. The two projectors are being overhauled for the coming year.

Materials were distributed to the local schools as follows:

TOTALS

Motion Pictures	92
Film Strips	352
Slides (sets)	42
Pictures (sets)	63

IN DETAIL

Mary E. Wells High School

Film Strips	20
Motion Pictures	28
Slides (sets)	12

River Street School	
Film Strips	56
Pictures (sets)	4
West Street School	
Motion Pictures	8
Film Strips	60
Pictures (sets)	8
Marcy Street School	
Motion Pictures	2
Film Strips	73
Pictures (sets)	12
Charlton Street School	
Motion Pictures	7
Film Strips	85
Slides (sets)	16
Pictures (sets)	21
Eastford Road School	
Film Strips	58
Slides (sets)	14
Pictures (sets)	18
Cole Trade High School	
Motion Pictures	15

The facilities of this department were used when sought to show films released for civic welfare, such as:

Cancer Control
F.B.I. (Local Police School)
Coast Guard Recruiting

Summarily, I have endeavored to fulfill the requests for visual aids in the School Department, as well as extend the services to civic organizations who sought assistance from this department.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM V. DELANEY

Director

CONTINUATION SCHOOL REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

At your request I hereby submit my report for the Girls' Division of the Continuation School for the year ending June 21, 1946.

This year saw the smallest enrollment in the Continuation School since its establishment. There were only ten girls enrolled through the year, as follows:

14-15 years	3
15-16 years	7

Due to the fact that in industry and commerce minors must be sixteen years old or over if they are to be employed, these girls all had home permits which allow them to remain at home as mother's helpers. They are not allowed to work outside their own homes.

Classes met on Wednesday afternoons from one o'clock to five. The time is divided equally between classes in Household Arts and Academic Subjects.

Miss Louise Corbin had charge of classes in foods and clothing. Girls were taught simple sewing and the making of plain garments as well as the freshening and remaking of worn clothing. In foods classes they were taught elementary cooking and the preparation of breakfast and luncheon dishes.

I feel that the very practical lessons given in the Household Arts Department are extremely useful to these girls who are already engaged in the care of the home. These classes are greatly enjoyed by the girls.

Because the girls, who come to Continuation School, came from grades varying from all levels of preparation to one year in High School, the work done

by the girls as individual students necessitates assignments on the basis of individual ability.

Academic subjects include English, arithmetic, civics and hygiene.

In English, we aim to help the girl to improve in oral and written self-expression through spelling, letter writing, and drills in corrective exercises. Guidance in the selection of magazines and books for leisure reading may prove of lasting value for both information and pleasure to be derived.

Arithmetic is applied to meet the everyday needs of the individual by use of drills and practical problems.

In every way we have endeavored to make our teaching "to the point" and of immediate value to our students.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA B. DESMARAIS,

Director

SOUTHBRIDGE SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, the following complete report on the activities of the 1946 summer playgrounds is hereby submitted:

As in the past, the Southbridge Summer Playgrounds extended for a period of six weeks from July 8 to August 16, five days a week for a total of thirty days, and the length of the day was as follows:

9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. — 1 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

The playground sites were the same as in the past years because of their convenient location making them easily accessible to all children (parochial as well as public school children) from all sections of the town. These areas were at Charlton Street School, Eastford Road School, River Street School, and West Street School.

Total Playground Enrollment	1327
Average daily attendance	538
Average % of attendance	39.8
Largest daily attendance	817

PERSONNEL

General

Director: Raoul O. Lataille

Music Supervisor: Mrs. Hedwiga Kochanowski

Payroll: Miss Elsie Hofstra, Secretary to Superintendent of Schools

Charlton Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Charlotte Henderson

Assistants: Miss Victoria Themistocles, William Nickerson,
Roger Hebert

Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Constance Earls

Assistants: Miss Beverly Kezar, Lawrence Simonds

River Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Clara Reed

Assistants: Miss Nancy Wilkinson, Jean Paul Casaubon

West Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Celestine Sweet

Assistants: Miss Anne Laliberte, Henry Remian

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Never before during the six years of Summer Playgrounds have we had such a large enrollment. This was indeed a banner year from all angles. In fact, at the end of the second week of playgrounds the enrollment had already soared 46 children over our past record of 1105 children.

The children also attended each session much more regularly this year

than in the past years. They were vitally interested in the inter- and intraplayground schedules, the crafts have been more to their liking, the movie features have given them more pleasure, the new music program has fascinated them, and last but not least, the supervisors and assistants at each playground have done a masterful job.

PUBLIC INTEREST

More noticeable than ever before the Southbridge public is becoming playground minded. Last Summer, many parents visited the grounds, many wished they were young again so that they could have the opportunity of learning craft-work under the able direction of the playground supervisors; the newspapers have given us 100% cooperation on publicity, our local newspaper has given us a column each day entitled "On the playgrounds" which describes playground contests and also gives an account of coming events. The children have been interested exceedingly in this column. Parents have also commented on how quiet the different neighborhoods are, and on their children learning to do something worthwhile.

The climax to our successful season came when the playground director was invited to take part in the radio program "This Is Our Town" over broadcasting station WTAG. This honor proved that our playground program was considered an integral part of our town government and that our untiring efforts had not been in vain. It was also a tribute paid the playground staff for their work that had not passed unnoticed.

MEETINGS

Every Monday morning at 8 A.M., a complete staff meeting was held to discuss present problems, to visualize plans for the remainder of the season, to outline various contemplated activities, and to secure materials needed for the proper completion of the arts and crafts. Special meetings were also held at different times to settle unexpected matters.

A final annual picnic and staff meeting was held at Point Breeze in Webster during which a gift from the playground staff was presented to Miss Celestine Carey in view of her approaching marriage.

ACCIDENTS

I am indeed happy to report the absence of any accident at any one of the four playing areas. Unfortunately one mishap has marred a perfect accident record during my three years as director. This incident was explained in the playground report of 1946. The credit for this fine record, considering the large number of children attending the playgrounds, is a tribute to the staff for its incessant efforts in maintaining play order and supervision.

DAILY PROGRAM

Because of the varied age groups from day to day, each daily program was planned according to the group present.

The salute to the flag and the taking of attendance was always the first step of every morning and afternoon session.

The inspection of apparatus and grounds, the marking of courts, the posting and making of announcements were always done at the beginning of each session.

Various activity games, group games, quiet games, story telling and arts and crafts formed the largest part of the days program.

RAINY DAY PROGRAM

Rain or shine, the playgrounds were always open two sessions each day for the five day week period. The gymnasium at each playground was available for play on stormy days.

Rainy day programs varied with the playground but included the following activities:

Movies

Arts and Crafts

Group singing

Folk dancing

Quiet indoor games

More active indoor games

Story telling

Special playground programs

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

A variety of intra-playground sports were played last summer, both by boys

and girls. These included: basketball, touch football, paddle tennis, darts, handball and soccer.

Inter-playground competition took place in the following sports: Boys: Baseball, softball, table tennis, horseshoes and quoits. Girls: Badminton, volley ball, dodge ball, and croquet.

Other daily activities consisting of use of apparatus included: baby swings, high swings, slides, jungle gyms, and parallel bars. However, relative to this matter, the only playground with high swings was River Street playground. Other swings had been ordered as far back as last March but the shortage of this type of equipment made it impossible for us to get them here before the playground season opened. In fact the apparatus did not reach us until the middle part of September.

The slides available at the different grounds were in such a condition that they had to be barred from use. Again in this case, new slides were ordered and have now been received and will be ready for use next summer.

All playgrounds had sand-box work and various crafts for the younger children including block games, jig-saw puzzles, colored crayons and ready outlined pictures to color. Activity group, folk dancing, and singing games were always enjoyed by this younger group.

PLAYGROUND CHAMPION

West Street Playground.

This playground had very little trouble this year winning the honor.

The playground champion was again determined by a point system and the largest number of points garnered by each playground during the season served to decide the winner of the "Southbridge Playground Champions" banner. Points 5-3-1 for first, second, and third places respectively for baseball, softball, etc. and each event of the Field Day which took place during the final week of playgrounds added to the points won at the swimming meet served to determine the winner of the banner.

The total number of points garnered by each playground during the summer follows:

West Street	282	River Street	132
Charlton Street	163	Eastford Road	42

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and crafts, stressed more and more each year, were again emphasized with gratifying results in so far that a larger number of articles and a larger number of different articles made by a correspondingly larger number of pupils were noticed. Crafts are stressed for two important reasons: First, it gives the children a chance to learn to make all kinds of useful articles, and second, it gives them the assurance that they can do things. One can notice their pride when they come to show you what they have done with their own little hands. Craft activities were so planned and craft materials were so selected that each age group was kept busy with some little article to do.

It could also be noticed that many crafts made this year were much more elaborate than those made last year, for example, corde bags, leather belts, and embroidery pieces.

All the crafts made at the playgrounds were exhibited at a downtown store during the last week of playgrounds. In the past years many adults have been earnest in their efforts to buy some of the crafts exhibited, but of course these crafts are not sold, they are returned to each child on the last playground day.

The following tabulation will give an account of the work done by the playground pupils this summer.

There were 38 different craft projects for a total of 1929 articles made during the six weeks of the playground season. The articles made are divided in the following manner:

Sewing Cards	476	Embroidered Dresser Scarfs	11
Colored Pictures	306	Stuffed articles	10
Button Pictures	169	Flower Bead Necklaces	9
Wooden Bead Necklaces	129	Corde Belts	8
Leather Belts	102	Knitted Mittens	8

Wooden Bead Bracelets	99	Embroidered Pillow Tops	8
Tam-o'-shanters	88	Aprons	8
Waffle Mats (Silkateen)	87	Shoe Button Necklaces	5
Shoe Button Bracelets	82	Corde Hats	5
Embroidered Towels	57	Knitted Scarfs	3
Plastic Ring Necklaces	43	Skirts	3
Plastic Ring Bracelets	41	Embroidered Luncheon Set	2
Marble Bags	30	Footstools	2
Baskets	29	Yarn Dolls	2
Waffle Mats (Yarn-large)	23	Yo-yo (Pillow Tops	2
Pot Holders	19	Woven Rug	1
Clay Models	19	Afghan	1
Bracelets (Plastic-Glass)	17	Yo-yo Cover	1
Leather Wallets	13		
Corde Pocketbooks	11	TOTAL	1929

WATER DAY

More than 500 children attended the annual playground water day held at the municipal swimming pool on July 31. Swimming, swimming races and diving were enjoyed by every boy and girl present. Two of the regular lifeguards at the pool were on duty to insure the safety of the children so that no fatal accidents would occur to mar the success of the day.

The results of the meet were as follows:

West Street Playground	106 points
Charlton Street Playground	114 points
Eastford Road Playground	19 points
River Street Playground	7 points

Following the water activities, each playground divided into its own group with its supervisor and assistants to enjoy a picnic. Inter-playground volley ball and other group games were enjoyed after lunch, before the children returned to the water.

TRACK MEET

The last main event of the Southbridge Playgrounds of 1946 took place on Wednesday, August 14, when the boys and girls from each of the four playgrounds vied for honors in a series of track events and feature contests at Dresser Street Field. The track meet started at 9 A.M. and ended at 3:30 P.M.

Th 1300 children who comprised this year's enrollment were eligible to compete in the track meet. Blue, red and yellow ribbons for first, second and third placers in each event respectively, were awarded to the winners.

The director, supervisors, and assistants at the playgrounds acted as judges, measurers, and starters at each event.

The results of the meet were as follows:

West Street Playground	146 points
Charlton Street Playground	114 points
River Street Playground	99 points
Eastford Road Playground	10 points

MUSIC PROGRAM

As an added feature to our 1946 summer playground program was the addition of the music program with Mrs. Hedwiga Kochanowski as music supervisor.

The older girls and boys have been taught old fashioned country dances (American Folk Dances) and songs to go with dances. They have also learned cowboy songs and other outdoor and patriotic songs. The younger boys did an Indian dance and game.

These dances, songs, and games were in preparation for a big outdoor show which was to be put on later during the playground season. This was a typical western show with appropriate old-fashioned dances, cowboy songs, and other songs describing the West. Dances, songs, games and solo numbers with instrumental accompaniment were also given.

SPECIAL DAYS

For each one of the six weeks the playgrounds were in operation, there was a special day named as follows :

First week:	Sports Day	Fourth week:	Water Day
Second week:	Crafts Day	Fifth week:	Music Day
Third week:	Joseph Lee Day *	Sixth week:	Field Day

May I personally state my appreciation to everyone who has assisted me directly or indirectly in making the 1946 playground season a banner season from every angle. In playground work as well as in any other line, the head person gets the credit for the work done by the workers. I would like to say before I complete this report, that without the help of the supervisor and assistants at each playground, none of the plans formulated would ever be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

Director of Playgrounds

REPORT OF ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

During the summer of 1946, it was my privilege to take courses in Supervision of Adult Education classes as well as in Newer Trends in Adult Education under the sponsorship of the State Department of Education.

Upon my return, I made known to you the broad scope of Adult Education which means a continued progress program. Young people just out of High School wish to return for more experience or practice in certain subjects, of which they find themselves in great need, while on the job. Some, realizing the need of greater social, historical and economical background to understand that which is going on all about us, wish for more information. Still others, bearing in mind that Education is a worthy use of leisure time, as well as a means of earning a living, desire to learn certain hand skills or crafts which develop into interesting hobbies. All of these spell growth in every sense of the word and this is the greatest aim and foundation of any educational program.

These are the type of courses the State Department of Education wish to encourage as well as to have the communities of Massachusetts foster, for adults know their needs and have real interests which they wish to satisfy.

Along with this is the Community's obligation to all non-citizens. It must see to it that these people become assimilated into the nation as soon as possible, by helping them overcome the language difficulty so that they can feel secure in their new surroundings.

Later, with the language mastered, they are aided in becoming citizens so that they can share the responsibilities as well as the fruits of other men's labors in making this country what it is. Thus they are made ready to take their place in the community.

With these things in mind, the Massachusetts Department of Education wishes to have towns and cities of this state do what is being done in other states all about us, namely; appoint local Directors of Adult Education who can coordinate all adult education classes into a unified Adult Education program for the community. It is felt that the needs of the community will thus be better served, as it will tend to prevent overlapping of subject matter, avoid conflicting dates on the calendar and have one person who will be responsible for meeting the desires and wishes of any group in the field of further education.

Thus it was with this in mind that a course in Civil Service for men wishing to take local or federal examinations for government jobs was opened as soon as it was made known that a need existed at this time. An advanced English group

was also organized for some who wished to perfect themselves for future or immediate need .

Because of the lack of fund, the Adult Education Division of the School Department has been obliged to curtail activities somewhat. During the coming year, the Division hopes to broaden and extend its scope so that all adult activities of the Community will be taken care of by a central agency so that the best interests of Southbridge can thus be served.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER

Director of Adult Education

THIRTY-FIRST REPORT
of the
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
of the
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

For the year ending
December 31, 1946

RECEIPTS—1946

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	8,872.00
Personal	100,356.28
Real Estate	500,411.23
Motor Vehicle Excise	15,518.05

625,157.56

Previous Years:

Poll	8.00
Personal	1544.25
Real Estate	23,051.28
Motor Vehicle Excise	296.42

24,899.95

From State:

Income Tax	70,247.35
Business—Corporation Tax	68,738.73

138,986.08

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	14,063.00
Peddlers, Hawkers and Junk	205.50
Sunday Store	123.00
Common Victualers and Innholders	156.00
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	96.00
Pasteurizing, Milk and Oleomargarine	123.00
Auto Dealers	48.00
Auctioneers	6.00
Taxis and Drivers	188.00
Firearms	57.50
All Others	38.50

15,104.50

Permits:

Garage	50.00
Gas and Motor Oil	22.00
Kerosene and Fuel Oil	
All Others (Circus Permit)	

72.00

Fines and Forfeits

Court Fines	704.00
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Grants and Gifts;—State

Vocation and American Education and English Speaking Classes	21,736.15
Vocational Education of Defense Workers	
George Deen School Fund	775.00
Smith Hughes School Fund	2,412.87
Highway Distribution Fund	13,142.38
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax	2,962.98
State Boxing Commission	238.83

41,268.21

County—Dog Licenses

1816.07

Highway Aid:		
State and County—Chapter 90:		
Contract No. 9455—1945		1660.32
Federal—Grants and Gifts:		
Aid to Dependent Children	3,059.65	
Old Age Assistance	41,753.53	
		44,813.18
Federal Housing Projects in lieu of 1945 and 1946 Taxes		1,063.14
All Other General Revenue:		
Tax Demands	108.15	
Redemption of Deed		
Tax Title Redeemed	26.05	
		134.20
Warranty Deed Property		
Total General Revenue		895,679.21
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Departmental		
General Government:		
Selectmen		
Collector	14.00	
Town Hall Rental	1,112.68	
		1,126.68
Total General Government		1,126.68
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police:		
Station Rental	1250.00	
Sale of Automobile		
Telephone Toll Call and All Others	19.35	
		1,269.35
Fire:		
Sale of Old Materials	172.80	
All Others	13.37	
No. 2 Station Hall Rental	80.00	
		266.17
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Sealing Fees of 1945		54.55
Ambulance Fees:		817.50
		2,407.57
Total Protection of Persons and Property		
Health and Sanitation:		
Health and Sanitation:		
Contagious Diseases	12.77	
Tuberculosis	717.92	
All Others—Goods Sold	4.95	
		735.64
Sewer Department		
		735.64
Total Health and Sanitation		
Highways:		
Rental of Equipment	2,213.96	
Sale of Truck—1935 Ford	75.00	
Sale of Materials and all Others	18.79	2307.75
		2,307.75
Total Highways		

Public Welfare and Soldiers' Benefits			
Temporary Aid—Reimbursements			
From Cities and Towns	1,265.16		
From State	6,175.89		
From Individuals	411.00	7,852.05	
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Aid to Dependent Children:			
Reimbursements			
From State		6,634.65	
Old Age Assistance			
Reimbursements			
From State		43,716.64	
From Cities and Towns			
Child Welfare Service			
Reimbursements			
From State	1,327.53		
From Towns	780.00	2,107.53	
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Soldiers' Benefits			
State Aid			
	440.00		
Military Aid			
	180.00		
2nd War Allowance			
	980.25		
Cities and Towns		1,600.25	
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Total Public Welfare and Soldiers' Benefits			61,911.12
Schools and Libraries:			
Schools:			
Tuition—Cole Trade, High and			
Elementary Schools	13,609.48		
Tuition and Transportation of			
State Wards	1,971.54		
Sale of Books and Supplies			
	358.21		
Veterans Vocation Tuition	44.75	15,983.98	
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Libraries:			
Fines and Sales		1,296.20	
Total Schools and Libraries			17,280.18
Unclassified:			
Airport Rental	300.00		
Fire Insurance Lightning Loss	1,734.81	2,034.81	
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Total Unclassified			2,034.81
Total Departmental Revenue			87,803.75
Sewers (added) Assessments:			
Sewers added to Taxes	39.00		
Unapportioned Sewers	133.38		
Paid in Advance		172.38	
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Sidewalk Assessments:			
Sidewalks Added to Taxes	17.79		
Unapportioned Sidewalks	2,247.60		
Paid in Advance		2,265.39	
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Total Assessments Revenue			2,437.77
CEMETERIES			
Sale of Lots and Graves	540.00		
Graves Opened	465.00		
Foundation Installed	43.95	1,048.95	
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Total Cemetery Revenue			1,048.95

INTEREST

On Deferred Taxes	717.76	
Tax Title Redeemed	2.52	720.28

Special Assessments

Sidewalks	1.06	
Sewers	8.38	9.44

On Motor Vehicle Excise

.69

On Trust and Investment Funds:

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	55.00	
Mary Mynott (Library)	20.00	
Cemetery Funds (General Care)	1,763.63	1,838.63

Total Interest Revenue

2,569.04

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	350,000.00
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General Loans:

Hamilton and Main Sts. Pavement	41,600.00
Premium on Loan	60.00

Total Loan Revenue

391,660.00

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

Dog License Fees—County	1,913.00	
Federal Tax on Employees' Wages	39,497.94	
Blue Cross	3,111.85	44,522.79

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	500.00	
Post War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	3,875.00

Total Agency, Trust and Investment

48,397.79

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

General Departments:

Treasurer	3.90	
Engineer—1945 Item	9.36	
Election and Registration	4.75	
Engineer	1,183.21	
Town Hall	10.60	
Ration Board	6.18	
Police	3.45	
Fire	50.50	
Board of Health	30.00	
Highways—Town Dump	1.00	
Highways—Road Machinery	6.25	
Schools	3.35	
Public Welfare	155.40	
A. D. C.	142.25	
O. A. A.	202.89	
O. A. A. Federal Grant	221.63	
Child Welfare	.70	
Public Improvement	4.09	
Swimming Pool	6.00	
Soldiers' Relief	49.00	1,894.51

Accrued Interest

16.67

Return Premium on Board Insurance

207.74

Federal Excise Tax Refund	129.39	
Total Refunds		2,448.31
Total Revenue		1,432,044.82
Cash on Hand—January 1, 1946		348,660.45
		1,780,705.27

GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
EXPENDITURES—1946			
Moderator:	60.00	60.00	
Sewer Dept. Investigation (Article 13 Town Meeting 10-1-45)		495.95	
Finance or Appropriation Committee:			
Postage and Supplies	3.80		
Association Dues	10.00		
Floral Bouquet	12.00		
Distributing Reports	5.00	30.80	30.80
Selectmen:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Chairman	550.00		
2 Members	900.00		
Assistant Clerk	1,719.46	3,169.46	
Other Expenses:			
Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	140.70		
Printing and Advertising	109.13		
Travel, Mileage, Meals Etc.			
Telephone	218.33		
Office Equipment and Maintenance	24.33		
New Office Equipment—Typewriter	10.98		
Taxi Drivers' Badges	37.68		
Association Dues	9.00	550.15	
War Effort and Service Expenses:			
Victory Garden Stakes	22.50		
Testimonial Banquet Selective Service	115.00	137.50	
			3,857.11
Accountant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Accountant	2,850.00		
Clerk	652.78		
Clerical Assistant	96.61	3,599.39	
Other Expenses:			
Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	53.07		
Binding and Printing	86.60		
Telephone	34.24		
Equipment and Maintenance	55.20		
Association Dues	20.00		
Travel Expenses (Including \$150 out of State)	171.60	420.71	
			4,020.10

Treasurer:

Salaries and Wages:

Treasurer	2,750.00	
Clerk	1,452.00	
Other Clerks	48.00	4,250.00

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	444.93	
Printing and Advertising	18.25	
Equipment Maintenance	73.11	
Check Protectographer	125.00	
Electric Check Signer	195.00	
L. C. Smith Typewriter	130.82	
Telephone	46.68	
Surety Bonds and Insurance	351.77	
Certification of Notes	20.00	
Travel Expenses and Dues	13.45	
		1,419.01

5,669.01

Tax Collector:

Salaries and Wages:

Collector	2,600.00	
Clerk	1,404.00	
Clerical Assistants	157.20	4,161.20

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	338.34	
Printing and Advertising	438.06	
Telephone	53.05	
Surety Bonds and Insurance	389.20	
Equipment and Maintenance	15.17	
Deputy Collectors' Fees	41.00	
Office Moving Expenses	165.28	
Association Dues and Travel Expenses	43.83	
Collectors' Local Travel	50.00	1,533.93

5,695.13

Assessors:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors—2 Members	900.00	
Clerk of Board	2,600.00	
Clerical Assistance	1,404.00	
Other Clerks	39.75	4,943.75

Other Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	43.50	
Printing, Advertising and Binding	140.97	
Auto Hire	225.00	
Other Traveling Expenses and		
Association Dues	36.35	
Telephone	45.50	
Addressograph	2,947.11	
Equipment and Maintenance	61.48	
Registry of Deeds—Abstracts, etc.	169.08	
Publications	12.00	3,680.99

8,624.74

Other Finances and Accounts:

Printing and Certification of Bonds and Notes:

Certification Fees	45.00	
Printing Coupons	15.00	60.00

60.00

Law:

Salary of Town Counsel	1,200.00	1,200.00
Other Expenses:		
Petition Fees	17.55	
Travel Expenses	16.40	
Office Supplies	9.41	
Telephone	6.85	
Photographic Expenses	53.00	103.21

1,303.21

Town Clerk:

Salaries and Wages:		
Town Clerk	1,600.00	
Clerical Assistant	539.00	2,139.00
Other Expenses:		
Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	114.43	
Printing and Advertising	195.66	
Telephone	82.43	
Surety Bonds and Insurance	15.00	
Equipment and Maintenance	95.81	
Association Dues and Travel Expenses	51.06	
Miscellaneous	1.95	556.34

2,695.34

Election and Registration:

Salaries and Wages:		
3 Registrars	300.00	
Clerk of Board	150.00	450.00
Election Officers, Counters and Tellers	2,536.26	
All Others	500.40	3,036.66

Other Expenses—Election:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	88.27	
Printing and Advertising	789.37	
Meals	507.51	
Ballot Box	90.85	
Equipment Maintenance	20.25	
Taxi Hire	.40	1,496.65

Other Expenses—Relisting

Salaries and Wages:		
Office Clerical	792.24	
Assistant Registrars	618.55	1,410.79

Expenses—Relisting:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	46.35	
Printing—Poll List Books 1M	368.08	
Typewriter and 4 card files	141.20	
Taxi Fares	6.75	562.38

6,956.48

Engineering:

Salaries and Wages:

Engineer	5,200.00	
Assistant Engineer	2,642.80	
Helper and Assistants	4,604.66	12,447.46

Office Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery, Printing and Postage	217.85	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	23.90	
Telephone	84.83	326.58

Field Expenses:

Materials and Supplies	91.11	
Mileage and Travel	549.30	
New Equipment and Maintenance	10.40	
Cement Bounds	75.00	
Sewer Design	855.90	1,581.71

14,355.75

Town Hall:

Salaries and Wages:

Janitor		2,500.00
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Other Expenses:

Fuel	1,929.97	
Lights	683.48	
Janitor's Supplies	305.11	
Repairs	649.91	
Telephone	22.61	
Shades and Chairs	301.70	
Cleaning Town Clerk's Office and Memorial Hall	52.75	
Office Lighting Equipment	120.58	
Water	53.29	
Setting-up Booths	36.00	
Lightning Damage	1,722.81	
Miscellaneous	47.69	5,925.90

8,425.90

Planning Board:

Dues and Advertising		89.50
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89.50

Rationing Board:

Expenses:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	27.26	
Telephone	186.00	
Equipment and Maintenance	12.17	
Signs	12.25	
Subscription—Southbridge News	9.00	246.68

246.68

Retirement Board:

Administration:	1,007.86	
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1,007.86

Total General Government

63,593.56

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

EXPENDITURES—1946

Police: -

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	3,300.00	
Patrolmen	39,520.81	
Special Police	4,741.75	
Caretaker of Station	1,636.57	
Labor—Painting Street Lines	329.97	49,529.10

Equipment and Maintenance:

Motor Equipment	1,163.79	
Gas, Oil, etc.	941.07	
Equipment for Men	72.55	
Photography and Fingerprinting	7.76	
Radio Equipment and Maintenance	129.50	
Additional Equipment	124.26	2,438.93

New Automobile:

1946 Ford		1271.59
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Fuel and Lights:

Fuel	440.58	
Lights	234.37	674.95

Maintenance of Building and Grounds:

Repairs—Building and Heating System	1,277.14	
Janitor's Supplies	109.56	
Water Service	34.50	
Rubbish Removal	16.45	
All Others	10.36	1,448.01

Officers' and Prisoners' Expense:

Officer's Travel	20.10	
Matron and Guards	21.00	
Feeding and Medical Care	287.50	328.60

Traffic Control

Labor (See Salary and Wages)		
Signs, Posts, Paints, etc.		321.17

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	180.70	
Telephones and Police Signals	1,267.73	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	52.12	
Association Dues and Travel	14.50	
Laundry Service	3.15	1,518.20

57,530.55

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	3,020.72	
Deputy Call Chief	400.00	
Permanent Firemen	37,123.08	
Call Men	4,905.00	
Superintendent of Alarms	350.00	
Assistant Clerk of Fire Dept.	100.00	
Other Employees—See hydrant service		45,898.80

Equipment, New and Additional:			
Equipment of Men	59.48		
Accessories and Supplies	182.09		
Shop Equipment	115.06		
Hose Supplies and Equipment	137.70	494.33	
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Equipment Maintenance and Repairs			
Radio Equipment and Maintenance	51.76		
Apparatus Repairs	673.42		
Gas and Oil	179.98		
Alarm Boxes, etc.	145.36	1,050.52	
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Hydrant Service			
Shoveling Hydrants	57.00		
Hydrant Service	15,954.58	16,011.58	
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Fuel, Lights and Water:			
Fuel	1,035.85		
Lights	280.64		
Water	109.34	1,425.83	
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Maintenance of Building and Grounds:			
Repairs	1285.66		
Furniture and Furnishings	49.72		
Laundry	115.44		
Janitor's Supplies and All Others	201.09	1,651.91	
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery, Printing and Postage	52.59		
Telephone	157.57		
Office Equipment and Maintenance	79.04		
Travel Expenses	87.66		
Travel Expenses—Out of State	64.11		
Training School Expenses	85.78		
Association Dues	3.00		
Fire Prevention Posters, etc.	77.25	607.00	
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			67,176.10
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Forest Fire:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Warden	200.00		
Fighting Fires	9.35		
Patrolling		209.35	
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Other Expenses:			
Parts and Repairs	170.53		
Gasoline and Oil	28.70		
Hose			
Apparatus Accessories	230.67		
Materials and Supplies	82.63		
Miscellaneous		512.53	
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			721.88
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Ambulance:			
Advertising and Deposit on New Ambulance		307.50	
Repairs and Maintenance	214.55		
Gasoline and Oil	34.96		
Materials and Supplies	116.23		
Drivers' Expenses	13.25	378.99	
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			686.49
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Sealer of Weights and Measures:			
Salary of Sealer		1,300.00	

Other Expenses:			
Advertising	1.50		
Materials and Supplies	4.15		
Travel Allowance	300.00		
Equipment and Maintenance	35.75	341.40	
			1,641.40
Game Warden:			
Salary		100.00	
			100.00
Dog Officers:			
Salaries			
Other Expenses:			
Board and Feed	299.70		
Killing and Burying	79.00	378.70	
			378.70
Street Lighting:			
Street Lights	14,615.59		
Traffic Lights—Central, Hamilton and East Main Streets	176.92	14,792.51	
			14,792.51
Animal Inspector:			
Salary		125.00	
Other Expenses:			
Postage and Supplies			
Mileage for Travel		73.55	
			198.55
Building Inspector:			
Salary of Inspector		300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Dues	2.00		
Printing, Stationery and Postage	8.90		
Travel Allowance	52.00	62.90	
			362.90
Wire Inspector:			
Salary of Inspector		300.00	
Other Expenses:			
Printing, Stationery and Postage			
Travel Allowance		75.21	
			375.21
Planting and Trimming Trees:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Tree Warden	292.50		
Labor	42.40	334.90	
Other Expenses:			
Hardware and Tools			
Tree Asphalt and Emulsion	4.50		
Truck Rental	381.00		
Removal of Various Stumps	28.29	414.39	
Removal of Trees:			
Mill Street		100.00	
			849.29

Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Extermination:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	116.00		
Labor	100.80	216.80	
Other Expenses:			
Truck Rental		182.50	
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			399.30
Total Protection of Persons and Property			<hr/>
			145,212.88

HEALTH AND SANITATION

EXPENDITURES—1946

Health:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health	312.89	
Board Physician	330.00	
School Physician	770.00	
Agent	550.00	
Nurse	1,908.00	
Plumbing Inspector	2,079.00	
Food and Provision Inspector	110.00	
Milk Inspector	137.00	
Slaughtering Inspector	385.00	
Dentists—Dental Clinic	700.00	
Podiatrist	250.00	
Clerical Assistants	210.50	7,742.39

Other Administration Expenses:

Stationery, Postage and Supplies	67.04	
Printing and Advertising	195.79	
Telephone	58.85	
Typist—T B Clinics and Clerical Assistant—		
See General Administration		
Office Equipment and Maintenance	26.50	
Miscellaneous	5.00	353.18

Quarantine, Contagious Diseases and Tuberculosis:

Board and Care—Quarantine	129.90	
Medical Attendance	211.50	
Drugs and Medical Supplies	10.69	
Dry Goods and Clothings	5.52	
Groceries and Provisions		
Cash Aid	356.43	
Hospitals	126.00	
Board and Treatment Local	6.00	
Cities and Towns	39.00	
Miscellaneous	5.47	
State and County Sanitoriums	2,697.00	3,587.51

Vital Statistics:

Birth Returns	120.75	
Death Returns	46.25	167.00

Inspectors' Expenses:		
Travel-Plumbing Inspector	214.75	
Association Dues-Plumbing	1.00	
Travel—Food and Provisions	65.00	
Travel—Milk Inspector	73.45	
Association Dues—Milk	3.00	
Materials and Supplies—Milk Inspector	12.84	
Travel Nurse	35.70	
Travel—Slaughtering Inspector	190.00	
Supplies—Slaughtering Inspector	5.33	601.07
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Dental Clinic Supplies:		65.29
School Children Expenses:		5.46
Miscellaneous		15.75
Garbage Collection:		
Contract		4,875.02
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		17,412.67
Sewer Maintenance Department:		
Administration:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Commissioners	283.32	
Caretaker	2,040.26	2,323.58
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Administration Expenses:		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	4.00	
Telephone	59.52	
Miscellaneous	10.90	74.42
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General Expenses:		
Tools and Equipment	47.92	
Pipe, Fittings and Supplies		
Manholes Repaired	107.70	
Repairs to Sewer Lines		155.62
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Building and Grounds:		
Building, Repairs and Materials	4.40	
Fuel and Lights	76.50	80.90
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Cleaning Catch Basins:		
Truck and Tractor Maintenance:		
Gas, Oil and Repairs	182.10	
Garage Rent	48.00	230.10
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		2,864.62
Total Health and Sanitation		20,277.29

HIGHWAYS, SNOW AND ICE

EXPENDITURES—1946

General Administration:		
Salary of Commissioners	564.45	
Salary of Superintendent	2,550.12	3,114.57
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies and		
Advertising	205.92	
Telephone	168.25	
Equipment and Maintenance	126.51	500.68
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General Maintenance:

Labor and Clerk Operator	19,762.76	
Truck Hire	424.12	
Equipment and Repairs	192.92	
Equipment Rental	911.39	
Crushed Stone, Gravel, etc.	2,476.54	
Travis, Road Oil, etc.	3,537.12	
Other Road Materials and Supplies	803.93	
First Aid Supplies		
Painting Signs and Town Seal on Equipment	347.81	
Catch Basins and Manhole Repairs	8.40	
Storm Damage	237.66	
Miscellaneous	83.74	28,786.39

New Road Machinery:

Advertising for Bids	4.00	
'46 G.M.C. 3 Ton Truck	2,789.92	
'46 Chevrolet 1½ Ton Truck	2,029.74	
'46 International 3½ Ton Truck	3,773.88	
Waukersha Engine for F. W. D. Truck	326.04	
Marquette Arc Welding Unit and Extension Cable	280.00	
Alemite High Pressure Barrel Grease Pump and Hose	150.60	
Marquette Battery Charger	36.00	
Paint Spray Outfit	73.65	
Tote-All Sand Conveyor with Lawson Engine	496.00	
C.M.C. Centrifugal Self-Priming Pump With Hose	163.00	10,122.83

Automotive Road Machinery:

Repairs and Maintenance	6,924.59	
Gas, Oil, etc.	2,872.22	
2,000 ft. ¾ in. cross chains	1,183.60	
Miscellaneous	51.05	11,031.46

Buildings and Grounds:

Maintenance and Repairs	74.42	
Fuel, Lights and Water	480.21	
Miscellaneous	9.50	564.13

54,120.06

Town Dump and Rubbish:

Labor	1,301.00	
Rental of Town Dump	125.00	
Rubbish Collection	2,796.50	
Advertising for Rubbish Collection Bids	3.50	4,226.00

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Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor and Clerk Operator	7,912.25	
Rental of Power Shovel	523.25	
Team Hire	192.25	
Cal Chloride Salt, Sand, Gravel	893.98	
Food and Meals	161.20	9,682.93

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Chapter 90 Maintenance—State and County
Aid No. 9,455

North Woodstock Road:			
Labor	1,157.76		
Truck Hire	126.99		
Materials	627.50	1,912.25	
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Dresser Hill Road:			
Labor	118.37		
Asphalt	261.67	380.04	
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Worcester Street:			
Labor	258.59		
Truck Hire	23.25		
Asphalt	44.80	326.64	
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Mechanic Street:			
Labor	44.07		
Truck Hire	12.00	56.07	
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River Road:			
Labor		25.00	
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			2,700.00
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Total Highways			70,728.99

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

EXPENDITURES—1946

Public Welfare:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	450.00		
Supervisor	860.00		
Clerks	1,000.00	2,310.00	

General Administration:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	12.27		
Telephones	156.43		
Mileage & Travel Allowance	333.32		
Office Equipment and Maintenance			
Miscellaneous		502.12	

General Relief:

Groceries and Provisions	4,724.04		
Fuel and Lights	950.39		
Medicine and Medical Care	3,148.11		
Hospital Care	1,564.00		
Rent	946.25		
Clothing	341.78		
Cash Grants	7,273.25		
Board and Care (Local)	2,775.60		
State Institutions	2,269.50		
Private Institutions	239.00		
Household Furniture and Moving	10.50		
Burials	340.00		
Miscellaneous	29.80	24,612.22	

Relief by Other Cities and Towns:

Cities	40.00		
Towns	519.11	559.11	

Truck Expenses:			
Gas and Oil	88.06		
Repairs and Maintenance	394.44		
Registration	2.50	485.00	
Aid to Dependent Children			28,468.45
TOWN APPROPRIATION:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	440.00		
Clerk	197.00	637.00	
Administration:			
(See Federal Grants)			
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		17,302.98	
Aid to Dependent Children:			17,939.98
FEDERAL GRANTS:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor			
Clerks			
Administration:			
Travel Expenses	45.20		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies			
Equipment and Maintenance		45.20	
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		2,304.65	
Old Age Assistance:			2,349.85
TOWN APPROPRIATION:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board	750.00		
Supervisor	1,100.01		
Clerks	1,129.90	2,979.91	
Administration Expenses:			
(See Federal Grants)			
Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants		71,554.90	
Cities and Towns	325.90		
Medical Supplies and Miscellaneous		71,880.80	
Old Age Assistance:			74,860.71
FEDERAL GRANTS:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	500.00		
Clerk		500.00	
Administration Expenses:			
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	103.02		
Travel Allowance			
Telephone		103.02	

Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants	36,747.51		
Cities and Towns	226.32	36,973.83	
Child Welfare Service:			37,576.85
Administration:			
Salaries and Wages			
Supervisor	2,445.00		
Clerks	1,222.53	3,667.53	
Office Expense:			
Stationery, Postage & Supplies & Advertising	58.21		
Telephone	65.87	124.08	
Field & Convention Expenses:			
Mileage and Travel		381.10	
			4,172.71
Infirmary:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	1,429.40		
Other Employees	470.60	1,900.00	
Other Expenses:			
Groceries and Provisions	2,436.38		
Clothing and Household Furnishings	242.38		
Buildings & Maintenance	374.64		
Fuel, Lights and Water	730.08		
Hospital, Medical Care and Supplies	640.51		
Gasoline & Oil	32.76		
Telephone	39.06		
Burial	127.00		
Miscellaneous	64.27		
		4,687.08	
			6,587.08
Soldiers' Benefits:			
General Administration:			
Salary of Agent	1,125.00		
Clerical Assistance	1,381.00	2,506.00	
Stationery, Postage, Printing			
and Supplies	142.05		
Travel and Mileage	321.83		
Office Equipment (New)	49.75	513.63	
Relief Benefits:			
State Aid—Cash Grants	530.00		
Military Aid—Cash Grants	990.00		
War Allowance—2nd World War			
—Cash Grants	426.25	1,946.25	
Fuel and Lights	388.23		
Groceries and Provisions	597.62		
Cash Grants and Rent	4,547.84		
Medical and Hospital Care	1,885.69		
Clothing, Etc.	294.96	7,714.34	
			12,680.22

Veterans' Services

General Administration:

Supervisor	2,365.29	
Clerk Hire	568.00	
Assistant Supervisor	1,182.44	4,115.73
Travel and Mileage	245.58	
Office Equipment (New)	231.42	
Stationery, Postage, Supplies		
Book, Periodicals, Printing Etc.	557.76	
Telephone	79.90	
Equipment & Maintenance		1,114.66

Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits	5,230.39
	189,866.24

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

EXPENDITURES—1946

Code Schools:

General Control:

Salaries:

150	Superintendent	5,456.72	
156	Superintendent's Clerk	1,898.69	
157	Extra Clerical	32.00	
401	Attendance Officer	365.27	
103	School Census	118.08	7,870.76

Expenses:

160	Supplies	99.65	
180	Printing	152.36	
181	Travel Expenses	30.70	
181A	Auto Expense	330.50	
181B	Supervisor's & Conferences Trav.	44.68	
182	Telephone	90.39	
182A	Books, Periodicals & Postage	173.52	
182B	Equipment & Maintenance	83.27	1,005.07

Total General Control

8,875.83

High School:

Instruction Salaries:

200	Principal	4,082.92	
225	Principal's Clerk	1,305.16	
226	Extra Clerical	31.73	
240	Teachers	44,260.77	
245	Substitute Teachers	672.44	50,353.02

Instruction Expenses:

210	Supervision Travel	112.18	
211	Research Activities		
235	Printing, Supplies, Postage etc.	105.97	
250	Text & Reference Books	935.84	
270	Supplies	2,525.77	
283	Supplementary Books	78.42	
290	Commencement Expenses	123.33	
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equip	831.23	4,712.74

Operation of Plant:		
Salaries:		
501	Janitors' Salaries	5,433.99
501A	Extra Helpers'	27.45
		<hr/> 5,461.44
Expenses:		
501	Janitor's Supplies	437.20
520	Fuel	1,150.92
530	Water	158.74
54	Gas & Electricity	886.69
565	Telephone	115.59
580	Drayage	31.45
		<hr/> 2,780.59
Maintenance of Plant		
Expenses:		
601	Grounds	5.60
620	Buildings	316.21
640	Service Systems	723.84
680	Other Expenses	5.22
		<hr/> 1,050.87
Capital Outlay:		
930	Building Alterations and Additions	13.07
965	New Furnishings	83.22
975	Instruction Apparatus	50.08
985	Other Expenses	14.66
985A	Draw Sash—Painting, etc.	161.03
		<hr/> 64,519.69
Total High School		
Elementary Schools:		
Instructions Salaries:		
210A	Writing Service	840.00
240	Teachers	87,026.48
245	Substitute Teachers	3,819.32
245A	Teachers' Courses	278.34
226	Extra Clerical	197.19
		<hr/> 92,161.69
210	Supervision Travel	324.52
250	Text & Reference Books	3,165.48
270	Supplies	4,251.90
283	Supplementary Books	22.84
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equip.	153.98
		<hr/> 7,918.72
Operation of Plant:		
Salaries		
501	Janitors' Salaries	8,267.32
501A	Extra Helpers	215.10
		<hr/> 8,482.42
Expenses:		
510	Janitors' Supplies	1,269.99
520	Fuel	4,238.38
530	Water	184.52
540	Gas & Electricity	1,421.27
565	Telephone	249.94
580	Drayage	74.38
		<hr/> 7,438.48
Maintenance of Plant:		
Expenses:		
601	Grounds	440.20
620	Buildings	487.33
640	Service Systems	1,543.78
680	Other Expenses	99.58
		<hr/> 2,570.89

Capital Outlay:			
930	Building Alterations & Additions	56.17	
965	New Furnishings	25.97	
975	Instructional Apparatus	156.07	
985	Other Expenses	50.95	
985A	Draw Sash—Painting etc.	665.00	954.16
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Total Elementary Schools			119,526.36
Elementary Evening School:			
240	Teacher's Salaries	682.01	
Instruction Expenses:			
210	Supervision Travel	85.77	
250	Text and Reference Books	336.29	
270	Supplies	6.85	428.91
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Operation of Plant:			
501	Janitor's Salary		
520	Fuel		
540	Gas & Electricity	158.24	158.24
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Total Elementary Evening School			1,269.16
Domestic Science			
240	Teacher's Salaries	12.00	
250	Text and Reference Books		
270	Supplies		
660	Instructional Apparatus		
975	Capital Outlay		12.00
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Total Domestic Science			12.00
Continuation School			
240	Teacher's Salaries	365.85	
250	Text and Reference Books		
270	Supplies	.97	366.82
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Total Continuation School			366.82
Household Arts			
240	Teacher's Salaries	3,612.24	
Expenses:			
210	Supervision Travel		
250	Text & Reference Books		
270	Supplies	238.93	
660	Instructional Apparatus	37.09	
Capital Outlay			
680	Other Expense	7.50	
975	Instructional Apparatus	10.05	293.57
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Total Household Arts			3,905.81
Auxiliary Agencies			
Pupils:			
313	Transportation of Pupils	10,621.90	
360	Tuition to Other Schools	567.21	11,189.11
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Medical Services:			
Salaries:			
402	Physician	1,358.47	
404	Nurse	1,992.69	3,351.16
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Expenses:			
210	Travel for Nurse	196.00	
270	Supplies		
405	Telephone	55.83	
405A	Miscellaneous	135.57	387.40
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Total Auxiliary Agencies			14,927.67
Summer School			
240	Salaries:		
Total Summer School			
Visual Aids			
270	Supplies	50.71	
660	Instructional Apparatus	15.50	
965	Furnishings		
975	New Equipment		66.21
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Visual Aids			66.21
Retirement Military Service Fund			
(Due 1945)			
		691.00	
240	High	739.93	
240	Vocational	1,398.51	2,829.44
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			2,829.44
COLE TRADE SCHOOL			
General Control			
Salaries:			
220	Director	4,324.38	
225	Director's Clerk	1,665.31	
226	Assistant Clerk	1,648.86	7,638.55
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Expenses:			
210	Director's Travel	37.05	
235	Printing, Supplies, Postage etc.	473.60	
565	Telephone	143.64	654.29
Instruction Salaries			
240	Teachers		37,171.34
Instruction Expenses:			
210A	Supervision Travel	55.02	
250	Text and Reference Books	645.93	
270	Supplies	2,975.92	
290	Commencement Expenses	51.11	
660	Instructional Apparatus and Equip.	819.34	4,547.32
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Operation of Plant			
Salaries:			
501	Janitors	2,788.84	
501A	Extra Helpers	7.75	2,796.59
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Expenses:			
510	Janitors' Supplies	241.50	
520	Fuel	973.15	
530	Water	69.12	
540	Gas & Electricity	603.74	
580	Drayage	234.08	2,121.59
Maintenance of Plant			
601	Grounds	13.04	
620	Buildings	476.47	
640	Service Systems	583.83	
680	Other Expenses		1,073.34
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Capital Outlay			
930	Building Alterations and Additions	966.49	
965	New Furnishings	176.65	
975	Instructional Apparatus	882.04	
985	Other Expenses		2,025.18
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Total Cole Trade School			58,028.20
Cole Trade Evening Extension School			
Instructional Salaries:			
225	Clerk	69.34	
226	Assistant Clerk	1.50	
240	Teachers	1,039.54	
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			1,110.38
Instruction Expenses:			
235	Principal's Office Supplies		
250	Textbooks	2.07	
270	Supplies	428.93	
660	Instructional Apparatus	54.81	485.81
Operation of Plant:			
501	Janitors' Salaries		73.50
Expenses			
510	Janitors' Supplies	3.08	
520	Fuel		
540	Gas and Electricity	117.83	120.91
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Capital Outlay			
975	Instructional Apparatus		130.68
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Total Cole Trade Evening Extension School			1,921.28
Summer School			
240	Teachers' Salaries		
Total Summer School			
Total Schools from Town Appropriation			
Smith Hughes Fund			
Teachers' Salaries:			
240	Continuation Classes	53.24	
240	Vocational Classes	2,167.65	
240	Household Art Classes	157.95	
240	Vocational Evening Classes	26.13	2,404.97
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Total Smith Hughes Fund			2,404.97
George Dean Fund			
Teachers' Salaries			
240	Vocational Classes	984.22	
240	Practical Arts	160.00	
210	Travel	105.40	1,249.62
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Total George Deen Fund			1,249.62
Total School Expenditures from Town Appropriation, Smith Hughes and George Deen Funds			
			279,903.06

JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

EXPENDITURES—1945

Code Library:			
Salaries and Wages:			
101	Librarian	2,200.00	
103	Assistants	4,089.95	
150-51	Janitor	1,816.66	8,106.61
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	Books and Periodicals:		
201	Books	2,070.18	
202	Periodicals	265.05	2,335.23
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	Binding:		
250	Books and Periodicals		147.92
	Fuel and Lights:		
301	Fuel		
302	Lights		
	Building:		
350-51-52	Repairs	60.31	
500	Lumber	17.73	
501	Furniture and Furnishings		
304-6	Other Expenses:	56.31	134.40
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	Other Expenses:		
402-3	Office Supplies—Postage	351.72	
407	Equipment and Maintenance	15.00	366.72
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	Total Library Expenditures from Town Appropriation		11,090.88
	Library Expenditures from Trust Funds in Control of Trustees: (See Library Trustees' Report)		
	TOTAL SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY		290,993.94

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

EXPENDITURES—1946

Recreation:

Parks:

Labor	477.00	
Water Service	15.70	
Miscellaneous	7.23	499.93

Playgrounds:

Instructor's Salaries	1,862.50	
Travel Expenses	20.45	
Equipment and Maintenance	386.44	
Materials and Supplies	532.11	
Sports, Games, Sets, Etc.	18.30	2,819.80

World War Memorial

Labor	77.37	
Link Fence		
Plants, Trees, and Spraying	35.00	
Water and Lights	25.14	
Materials and Supplies	28.11	
Photo Electric Time Clock	86.58	252.20

Swimming Pool Operation and Maintenance Acct.:

Instruction Salaries	2,020.50	
Equipment and Maintenance	65.90	
Materials and Supplies	35.64	2,122.04

2nd World War Honor Roll:		
Electric Lighting	20.42	
Materials and Supplies	45.20	
Repairs	52.69	118.31
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Total Recreation		5,812.28
Unclassified:		
Damage to Persons and Property		114.25
Memorial Day Celebration:		347.74
Armistice Day Celebration:		300.00
Printing Town and Finance Committee Reports:		
Town Reports (1500)	656.50	
Finance Reports (2500)	321.64	
Sewer Investigating Report	52.64	1,030.78
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Pensions (Non-Contributory): (Chapter 32 and Vet's Act)		
Police, Firemen, and School Janitor		4,619.00
Insurance:		
Buildings and Contents:		
Fire		4,013.26
Automotive Equipment:		
Fire, Theft, Collision and Liability		2,463.56
Indemnity Insurance:		
Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability	2,031.36	
Boiler Explosion Liability	264.35	
Town Hall—Public Liability		
World War Honor Roll	55.00	2,350.71
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Town Clock		240.00
Water and Ice:		
Water, Bubblers Repaired, and Ice		441.13
Public Improvement Account: (Capital Outlay Program)		
Professional Consultant's Services	392.96	
Clerical—Addressing and Mailing	15.00	
Postage, Stationery, and All Others	13.80	
Telephone	1.20	
Printing—5M Programs	474.80	897.76
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1945 Outstanding Bills:		
Selectmen	10.00	
Town Hall	4.44	
Schools	1,783.38	
Schools (Returned) Retirement Military Service Fund (Due 1944)	689.75	
General Relief	139.00	
Road Machinery Maintenance	1,372.99	
Fire Department	17.08	
Infirmary	13.14	
Cemetery	3.60	
Soldiers' Relief	258.32	
2nd World War Allowance	100.00	4,391.70
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Total Unclassified:		21,209.89
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Total Recreation and Unclassified:		27,022.17

CEMETERY

EXPENDITURES—1946

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Salaries:

Superintendent	188.12	
Labor	3,966.85	4,154.97

Other Expenses:

Loam	231.35	
Flowers and Trees and Shrubs	63.74	
Equipment, Maintenance and Tools	255.88	
Team Hire	180.00	
Equipment Rental		
Snow Removal	37.00	
Gasoline and Oil	26.03	
Materials, Supplies and All Others	114.66	908.66

Cemetery Improvement Account:

Labor	68.00	
Fertilizer	122.50	
Materials and Supplies	.75	
New Equipment	357.00	548.25

Total Cemetery		5,611.88
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SPECIAL ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURES—1946

AIRPORT ACCOUNT:

ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION

(Frank J. Shields Inc. Contract)

Advertising	82.43	
Land	14,500.00	
Engineering	3,269.87	
Contract	71,854.00	

89,706.30

Less '44 and '45 Payments 85,914.33

Net Payments in 1946		3,791.97
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GRADING, LOAMING and SEEDING

(Atlas Landscape Construction Co.)

Advertising	10.00	
Contract	8,687.40	8,697.40

FENCING

(Victor Fence Company)

Advertising	10.00	
Contract	1,028.42	1,038.42

Total Airport		13,527.79
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PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALK:

Fee—Recording		2.15
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EVERETT STREET SIDEWALK:

Fee—Recording		2.85
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WORCESTER STREET SIDEWALK:

(East Side United Lens to T. A. Nitisis)

Recording Fees	2.75	
Truck Hire	12.00	
Materials and Supplies	401.17	
Labor	894.05	
Engineer	17.78	1,327.75

Worcester Street Sidewalk:

(Henry St. to Pariseau and Pariseau to Snow St.)

Recording Fee		4.05
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CHARLTON STREET SIDEWALK:

Fee—Recording		1.20
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COLUMBIA STREET SEWER:

(Chapter 83 Acts 1946 Article 40 Town Meeting)

Contract—Benoit Bros.		858.83
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FISKE STREET RESURFACING:

(Chapter 85 of 1946 Art. 41 Town Meeting)

Contract—Frank J. Shields, Inc.		450.00
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WORCESTER STREET SEWER:

(Clements' Land to Southbridge Foundry)

Advertisement	26.67	
Contract—Frank J. Shields Inc.	2,457.10	
Engineering Dept. Cost	95.55	2,579.32

STATE GUARD:

Hardware and Lumber	33.70	
Locker	336.00	
Paint	18.64	
Materials and Supplies	3.86	392.20

POPLAR AND GLOVER STREET DRAIN:

Contract—Duff Bros.	4,483.40	
Extra Shovel Rental	120.00	
Road Surfacing Oil	104.61	4,708.01

MORRIS STREET SEWER:

(Existing Terminus to Peck's Farm)

Advertisement	26.67	
Engineering Cost	117.45	
Contract—Frank J. Shields, Inc.	3,765.20	3,909.32

CROSS AND HAMILTON STREETS DRAIN:

Contract—Frank J. Shields, Inc.	997.57	
Damage to Persons and Property	29.10	1,026.67

CLARK STREET DRAIN:

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Labor	63.00	
Truck Hire	59.40	
Materials and Supplies		
Grates, Frames and Catch Basins	1,317.70	1,440.10

LEBANON PARK SEWER:

(A. V. Taurasi Co. Art. 42 Chap. 84 Acts 1946)

Sewer Purchase		5,287.45
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DRESSER STREET ATHLETIC FIELD:			
Professional Services		328.53	
Culvert—Nuisance Brook			
(Atlas Landscape Construction Co. Contract)			
Advertising	23.63		
Contract	2,670.60	2,694.23	
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GRADING AND DRAINAGE			
(Atlas Landscape Construction Co. Contract)			
Advertising	20.00		
Equipment Rental	236.00		
Contract	12,862.74	13,118.74	
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Services—Town Engineer		227.18	
CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD HOUSE			
Advertising			7.00
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			16,375.68
DRESSER STREET RESURFACING:			
(Elm to Marcy Street)			
Labor	5,143.10		
Materials and Supplies	5,467.22		
Truck Hire	1,460.62		
Shovel and Equipment Rental	1,348.81		
Catch Basins	203.98		
Frames and Grates	267.15		
Gas and Oil	33.57	13,924.45	
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SWIMMING POOL SEWER:			
(High Street Sewer Extension)			
Contract—Duff Bros.	3,532.40		
Engineering Dept. Cost	122.24		
Advertisement	34.50	3,689.14	
SWIMMING POOL BATH HOUSE:			
Advertisement	18.75		
Materials and Supplies	167.24	210.07	
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VETS HOUSING PROJECT:			
Advertisement	18.75		
Land Rental	150.00		
Contract—Atlas Landscape Construction Co.	9,609.24	9,777.99	
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HAMILTON STREET ACCOUNT:			
(Main St. to Junction Main and High St.)			
Advertisement	11.50		
Traffic Officers	767.55		
Contract—Ciesla Bros.	29,939.45		
Engineering Dept. Cost	590.01		
Inspection of Asphaltic Concrete at			
Mixing Plant	661.04	31,969.55	
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BRICKYARD ROAD BRIDGE and EASTFORD ROAD			
(Chapter 90 Construction)			
BRIDGE			
Advertising	20.40		
EASTFORD ROAD			
Advertising	19.60	40.00	
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ELM STREET RESURFACING

(V. P. Favreau's to Conn. Line)

Labor		1,194.50
TOWN HALL FIRE ESCAPE		
Advertising		10.00

WINDSOR COURT SIDEWALK

(West Side from North Street)

Labor	545.35	
Materials and Supplies	154.36	
Recording	1.50	701.21

WALNUT STREET SIDEWALK:

(East Side from Main St.)

Labor	343.57	
Materials and Supplies	16.15	
Recording	2.00	361.72

WIND STORM OF JUNE 8, 1946

Highway Department:

Labor	885.15	
Truck Hire	132.15	
Shovel Rental	133.75	1,151.05

Tree Warden:

Labor	2,245.12	
Truck Hire	830.50	
Tools, Equipment, and Other Expense	100.49	3,176.11

Fire Department:

Repairs to Fire Alarm System	82.00	
Buildings	269.22	351.22

Cemetery:

Removing Stumps	45.00	
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4,723.38

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

EXPENDITURES—1946

Interest:

Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue		794.83
General Loans:		
School Bonds	2,240.00	
County T. B. Hospital Loan	836.84	
Airport	450.00	3,526.84
Total Interest		4,321.67

Maturing Debt:

Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue		350,000.00
General Loans		
School Bonds	13,000.00	
County T. B. Hospital District	5,300.00	
Airport	15,000.00	33,300.00
Total Maturing Debt		383,300.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt		387,621.67

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

State Tax	12,250.00	
State Auditing Tax	455.25	
State Parks and Reservations Tax	1,006.97	
State Examination—Retirement System	45.83	13,758.05

County Tax	28,242.52	
County T. B. Hospital Maintenance	10,028.86	38,271.38
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County		1,901.20
Federal Withholding Tax	41,163.19	
Blue Cross	2,358.85	43,522.04

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		500.00
Pension and Retirement Fund		12,018.00
Other Permanent Trusts:		
Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)		
Mary Mynott (Library)	25.03	25.03

Investment Funds:

U. S. War Bonds:		
Post War Rehabilitation Interest		3,375.00

Total Agency, Trust and Investment 113,370.70

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Taxes—Poll, Personal and Real Estate	509.84	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	85.37	595.21
General Departments:		
Town Hall Rent	30.00	
Town Clerk	10.00	40.00
Withholding Tax		6.00
Blue Cross		5.00
Tax Demand		.35

Transfers: 646.56

Retirement System Administration (See
General Government)
Pension Accumulation Fund and Interest
Deficiency (See Agency, Trust and In-
vestment)

Total Refunds and Transfers 646.56
Total Payments for 1946 1,433,441.26
Cash on Hand—December 31, 1946 347,264.01

1,780,705.27

LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

December 31, 1946

Selectmen:
Town Hall:
Fire:
Highways:
General Relief:
Infirmary:
Schools:
Unclassified:
Cemetery:
Total

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH E. DESROSIER,
Town Accountant

FIXED DEBT RECORD

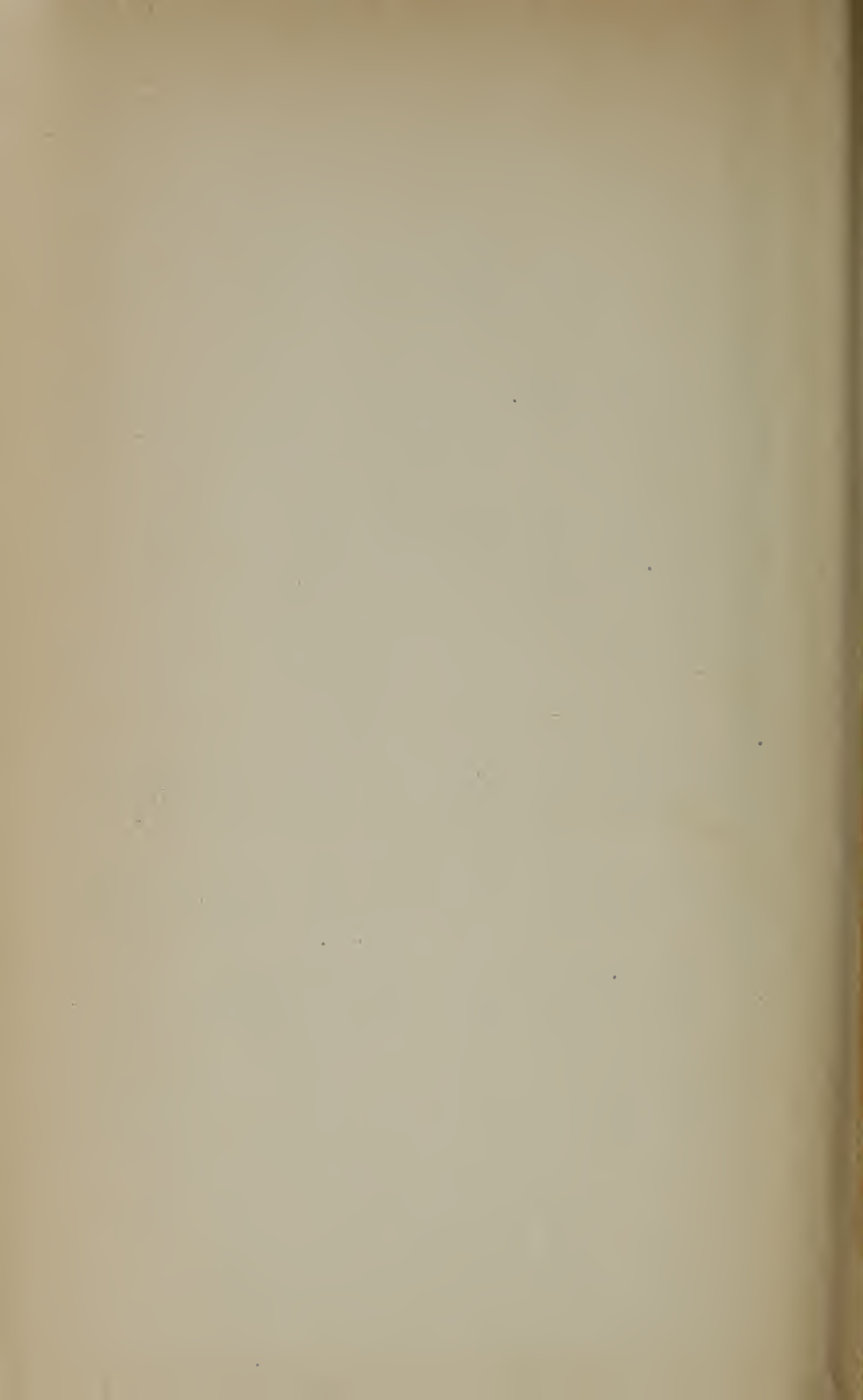
December 31, 1946

(Including County T B Hospital District Loan of 1933)

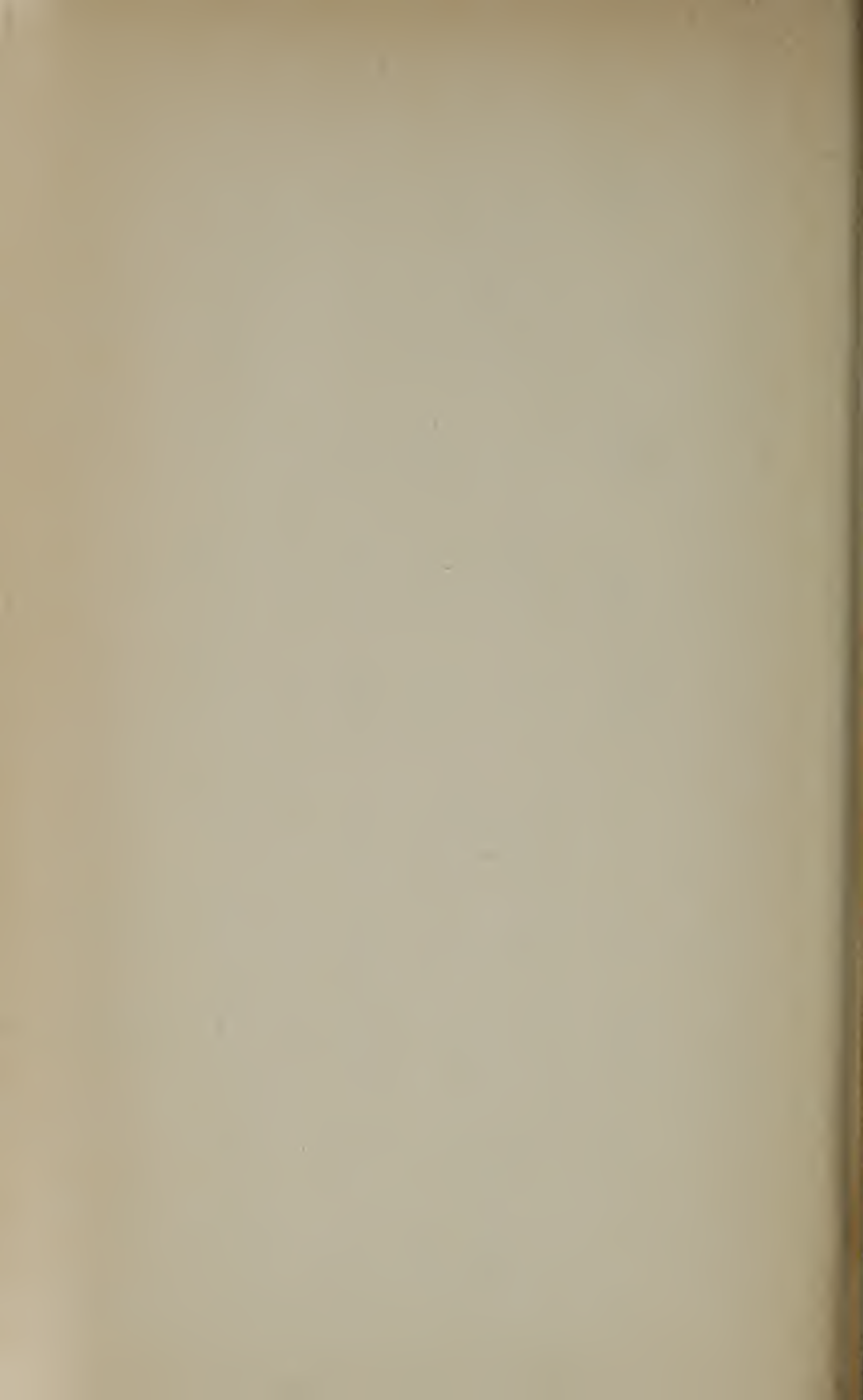
Due In	County T B Hospital Dist. 1933—\$79,800	P W A School 1933—\$152,490	P W A School 1938—\$80,000	Airport 1945—\$75,000	Hamilton and Main Street Resurfacing 1946—\$41,600	Amount Due Annually
1947	5,300.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	8,320.00	40,620.00
1948	5,300.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	8,320.00	38,620.00
1949		6,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	8,320.00	33,320.00
1950		6,000.00	4,000.00		8,320.00	18,320.00
1951		6,000.00	4,000.00		8,320.00	18,320.00
1952		6,000.00	4,000.00			10,000.00
1953		6,000.00	4,000.00			10,000.00
1954		6,000.00	4,000.00			10,000.00
1955		6,000.00	4,000.00			10,000.00
1956		6,000.00	4,000.00			4,000.00
1957			4,000.00			4,000.00
1958			4,000.00			
	\$10,600.00	\$62,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$41,600.00	\$207,200.00

JOSPH E. DESROSIER, Town Accountant

Title	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Exp.	Transfers To Other Accounts	Total Expenditures	Balance to Revenue or Overlay	Balance Forward to 1947	Overdrawn Accounts
Aid to Dependent Children									
Salaries	637.00		637.00	637.00		637.00			
All Other	14,500.00								
By Refunds		142.25							
From Excess and Def.		3,000.00	17,642.25	17,302.98		17,302.98	339.27		
Old Age Assistance:									
Salaries	3,011.00		3,011.00	2,979.91		2,979.91	31.09		
All Others	59,700.00								
By Refunds		202.89							
From Excess and Def.		12,000.00	71,902.89	71,880.80		71,880.80	22.09		
FEDERAL GRANTS:									
Aid to Dependent Children:									
Administration—1945 Balance		196.08							
From Grants		383.52	579.60	45.20		45.20		534.40	
All Others—1945 Balance		99.30							
From Grants		3,644.91	3,744.21	2,304.65		2,304.65		1,439.56	
Old Age Assistance:									
Admin.—1945 Balance		835.14							
From Grants		1,369.69	2,204.83	603.02		603.02		1,601.81	
All Others—1945 Balance		98.73							
From Grants		40,402.69							
By Refunds		202.78	40,704.20	36,973.83		36,973.83		3,730.37	
Child Welfare Service:	2,220.00								
1945 Balance		155.64							
From State		1,327.53							
From Charlton		390.00							
From Sturbridge		390.00							
By Refunds		.70	4,483.87	4,172.71		4,172.71		311.16	
Infirmary:									
Salaries	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00		1,900.00			
All Others	5,200.00		5,200.00	4,687.08		4,687.08	512.92		
Military Aid:	900.00								
From State Aid		300.00	1,200.00	990.00		990.00	210.00		
State Aid:	900.00		900.00	530.00					
To Military Aid					300.00	830.00	70.00		
2nd World War Allow.	300.00								
From Reserve Fund		500.00	800.00	386.25		386.25	413.75		
Soldiers' Relief									
Salaries	3,829.00		3,829.00	2,506.00					
To Selectmen Salaries					480.00				
To Veterans' Serv. Sal.					843.00	3,829.00			
All Others	10,600.00								
By Refunds		74.00	10,674.00	8,292.97		8,292.97	2,381.03		
Soldiers' Burial:	400.00		400.00				400.00		
Veterans' Services:									
Salaries	4,500.00								
From Soldiers Relief Sal.		843.00	5,343.00	4,115.73					
To Veterans Expense					125.00	4,240.73	1,102.27		
All Others	1,000.00								
From Veterans Serv. Sal.		125.00							
From Reserve Fund		25.00	1,150.00	1,114.66		1,114.66	35.34		
Veterans Re-Habilitation									
1945 Balance		16.14	16.14				16.14		
Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits	136,907.00	68,380.39	205,287.39	189,891.24	1,748.00	191,639.24	6,030.85	7,617.30	
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES									
Schools:									
Salaries	221,388.00		221,388.00	221,138.95					
To School Expense					4.00	221,142.95	245.05		
Supplementary Salaries									
Returning Servicemen	4,138.00		4,138.00	2,138.44		2,138.44	1,999.56		
Salary Adjustment—1946									
From 1947 Revenue		12,861.43	12,861.43					12,861.43	
All Other	52,965.00								
From School Salaries		4.00							
By Refunds		3.35	52,972.35	52,971.08		52,971.08	1.27		
Other Expenses 1946									
From 1947		2,703.12	2,703.12					2,703.12	
George Deen Fund:									
1945 Balance		527.37							
From Grants		775.00	1,302.37	1,249.62		1,249.62		52.75	
Smith Hughes Fund:									
1945 Balance		14.24							
From Grants		2,412.87	2,427.11	2,404.97		2,404.97		22.14	
Library:									
Salaries	8,700.00		8,700.00	8,106.61					
To Library Expense					500.00	8,606.61	93.39		
All Other	2,485.00								
From Library Salaries		500.00	2,985.00	2,984.27		2,984.27	.73		
Mynott Fund:									
1945 Balance		64.17							
From Income		20.00	84.17	25.03		25.03		59.14	
Total School and Library	289,676.00	19,885.55	309,561.55	291,018.97	504.00	291,522.97	2,340.00	15,698.58	
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:									
Parks:			500.00	499.93		499.93	.07		
Playgrounds:	2,820.00		2,820.00	2,819.80		2,819.80	.20		
World War Memorial:	300.00		300.00	250.90					
To Fire Expense					1.30	252.20	47.80		
Swimming Pool:	2,000.00								
1945 Balance		108.27							
From Reserve Fund		13.77	2,122.04	2,122.04		2,122.04			
2nd World War Honor Roll									
1945 Balance		185.14	185.14	118.31		118.31		66.83	
Damage to Persons & Prop.:	500.00		500.00	114.25		114.25	385.75		
Memorial Day:	400.00		400.00	347.74		347.74	52.26		
Armistice Day:	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Annual Reports:	1,000.00								
From Reserve Fund		30.78	1,030.78	1,030.78		1,030.78			
Pensions (Non-Contribut.)	4,619.00		4,619.00	4,619.00		4,619.00			
Insurance—1945 Account:	4.39		4.39		4.39	4.39			
Insurance—1946 Account:	9,000.00		9,000.00	8,827.53	4.39	8,827.53	172.47		
Town Clock:	275.00		275.00	240.00		240.00	35.00		
Water and Ice:	500.00		500.00	441.13		441.13	58.87		
Public Improvement Com.	1,500.00								
1945 Balance		194.77							
By Refunds		4.09	1,698.86	897.76		897.76	801.10		
Public Works Investigation									
Committee	200.00		200.00					200.00	
State Guard:	600.00		600.00	392.20		392.20	207.80		
Town Hall 1945 Lightning									
Damage:									
From Insurance Reimb.		1,722.81	1,722.81	1,722.81		1,722.81			
Purchase of Chairs Fire Sta. No. 2									
From Excess & Def.		267.50	267.50					267.50	
Storm Damage—June 8, 1946									
From Reserve Fund		4,750.00							
By Highways		487.75	5,237.75	5,191.13					
To Tree Warden					20.00	5,211.13	26.62		
Outstanding Bills of 1945	3,621.15								
From Excess & Def.		959.31	4,580.46	4,351.70		4,351.70	188.76		
PENSIONS & ACCUMULATION FUND:	12,318.00		12,318.00	12,018.00		12,018.00	300.00		
Total Recreation & Unclassified	40,457.54	8,724.19	49,181.73	46,345.01	25.69	46,370.70	2,276.70	534.33	
ENTERPRISE & CEMETERY:									
Cemetery:	3,300.00								
Income from Trust Funds		1,763.63				1,763.63			
Cemetery Imp. Acct.:									
From Cemetery Imp. Acct.		122.50	5,186.13	5,186.13					
1945 Balance		429.50							
From Sale of Lots & Graves		500.00	929.50	548.25		548.25		381.25	
Total Enterprises & Cem.	3,300.00	2,815.63	6,115.63	5,734.38		5,734.38		381.25	
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:									
(Capital Improvements)									
Airport									
Original Const.—1945 Bal.		3,940.67	3,940.67	3,791.97		3,791.97		148.70	
Grading, Loaming and Seeding									
Fencing (Art. 7 Spec. Town Meeting 5-27-46) From Excess & Def.		10,000	10,000.00	9,735.82		9,735.82	264.18		
Jacobs Road Drain:									
1945 Balance		.75	.75						
To Clark Street Drain					.75	.75			
Gross & Hamil. Sis. Drain									
1945 Balance		1,075.07	1,075.07	1,026.67		1,026.67	48.40		
Warren and Federal Sis. Drain:									
1945 Balance		9.50	9.50						
To Clark St. Drain					9.50	9.50			
East Main St. Drain									
1945 Balance		956.50	956.50						
To Clark St. Drain					956.50	956.50			
Poplar St. Drain:									
1945 Balance		4,890.55	4,890.55	4,708.01		4,708.01	182.54		



Title	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Exp.	Transfers To Other Accounts	Total Expenditures	Balance to Revenue or Overlay	Balance Forward to 1947	Overdrawn Accounts
Pleasant St. Sidewalk: (From Tully to Moriarty)									
1945 Balance		585.04	585.04	2.15					
To Clark St. Drain					582.89	585.04			
Everett St. Sidewalk: (Beacher St. to Cohasse Brook)									
1945 Balance		1,332.48	1,332.48	2.85					
To Clark St. Drain					1,329.63	1,332.48			
Worcester St. Sidewalk: (Henry St. to Pariseau's)									
1945 Balance		190.06	190.06	2.75					
To Clark St. Drain:					187.31	190.06			
Worcester St. Sidewalk: (Snow St. Southerly on Worc.)									
1945 Balance		774.14	774.14	1.30					
To Clark St. Drain:					772.84	774.14			
Charlton St. Sidewalk: (Westerly from Church)									
1945 Balance		22.83	22.83	1.20					
To Clark St. Drain:					21.63	22.83			
Dresser St. Resurfacing:									
1945 Balance		7,016.30							
From Excess & Def.		4,800.00							
From Hamil. St. Paving		2,600.00	14,416.30	13,924.45		13,924.45		491.85	
Clark St. Road:									
1945 Balance		1,578.10	1,578.10					1,578.10	
Fire Dept. New Alarm System:							44.81		
1945 Balance		44.81	44.81						
Town Hall Vault:									
1945 Balance		179.52	179.52					179.52	
Town Hall Fire Escape:	2,500.00								
From Reserve Fund		400.00	2,900.00	10.00		10.00		2,890.00	
Clark St. Drain	5,038.95								
From Jacobs Road Drain		.75							
From Warren & Federal St. Drain		9.50							
From East Main St. Drain		956.50							
From Pleasant St. Sidewalk		582.89							
From Everett St. Sidewalk		1,329.63							
From Worc. St. Sidewalk		187.31							
From Worc. St. Sidewalk		772.84							
From Charlton St. Sidewalk		21.63	8,900.00	1,440.10		1,440.10		7,459.90	
Columbia St. Sewer:	858.83		858.83	858.83		858.83			
Lebanon St. Meadowbrook Rd.									
Laurel Hill Road									
From Excess & Def		5,287.45	5,287.45	5,287.45		5,287.45			
Morris St. Sewer:	3,920.00		3,920.00	3,893.15			10.68		
To Sewer Expense					16.17	3,909.32			
Worcester St. Sewer	725.00								
From Sewer Assessment Surplus		2,500.00	3,225.00	2,563.15			645.68		
To Sewer Expense:					16.17	2,579.32			
Fiske St. Resurfacing:	450.00		450.00			450.00			
Elm St. (Prior Farm Hill									
Resurfacing	487.45						5.50		
From Excess & Def.		712.55	1,200.00	1,194.50		1,194.50			
Brickyard Bridge & Road									
Construction	6,000.00		6,000.00	40.00		40.00		5,960.00	
Hamil. St. Reconstruction									
and Resurfacing:									
From Excess and Def.		8,500.00							
Front Loans Authorized		30,000.00	38,500.00	31,969.55	2,600.00	34,569.55		3,930.45	
To Dresser St. Resurfacing									
Main St. Reconstruction and									
Resurfacing									
From Excess & Def.		3,500.00						15,100.00	
Front Loan Authorized		11,600.00	15,100.00						
Walnut St. Sidewalk:									
(East Side from Main St.)	360.00		360.00	359.72		359.72	.28		
Windsor St. Sidewalk:									
(West Side from North)	700.00		700.00	699.71		699.71	.29		
Worc. St. Sidewalk:									
(United Lens									
to T. A. Nitisis)	1,325.00		1,325.00	1,325.00		1,325.00			
Dresser St. Field:									
From Excess & Def.		100,000.00	100,000.00	16,375.68		16,375.68		83,624.32	
Swimming Pool Bath House:									
From Excess & Def.		7,350.00	7,350.00	210.07		210.07		7,139.93	
Swimming Pool Sewer									
(High St. Extension)									
From Excess & Def.		4,150.00							
By Refunds		22.27	4,172.27	3,689.14					
To Engineering Sal.					1.03	3,690.17	482.10		
Veterans' Housing Project:									
From Excess & Def		11,000.00	11,000.00	9,777.99		9,777.99		1,222.01	
Total Spec. App.	22,365.23	228,879.64	251,244.87	113,341.21	6,494.42	119,835.63	1,684.46	129,724.78	
INTEREST & MATURING DEBTS									
Interest:									
Temporary Loans	900.00		900.00	794.83		794.83	105.17		
Fixed Debt	2,690.00		2,690.00	2,690.00		2,690.00			
County T B Hospital	836.84		836.84	836.84		836.84			
Maturing Debt	28,000.00		28,000.00	28,000.00		28,000.00			
County T B Hosp. Comst.	5,300.00		5,300.00	5,300.00		5,300.00			
Total Int. & Mat. Debt.	37,726.84		37,726.84	37,621.67		37,621.67	105.17		
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENTS									
State Tax	12,250.00		12,250.00			12,250.00			
State Auditing Tax	455.25		455.25	455.25		455.25			
State Parks & Res. Tax	629.35								
1945 Balance		162.20	791.55	1,169.17		1,169.17			377.62
State Exam of Retirement									
Systems	45.83		45.83	45.83		45.83			
County Tax	28,344.64		28,344.64	28,972.92		28,972.92			628.28
County T B Hospital									
Maintenance Tax	10,028.86		10,028.86	10,028.86		10,028.86			
Dog License Fees Paid to County		1,913.00							
1945 Balance		9.00	1,922.00	1,901.20				10.80	
By Refund					10.00	1,911.20			
Federal Withholding Tax									
Employee's Wages	39,500.34								
1945 Balance		5,082.10	44,582.44	41,163.19				3,410.85	
Refunds					8.40	41,171.59			
Illne Cross Deductions									
Employee's Wages	3,111.85		3,111.85	2,358.85					
Refunds					5.00	2,363.85		748.00	
Ella Cole Fund:									
1945 Balance		194.18						248.18	
Investment Income		54.00	248.18						
Mary Mynott Fund:									
1945 Balance		64.17						59.14	
Investment Income		20.00	84.17	25.03		25.03			
J. J. Angell Fund:									
1945 Balance		31.27	31.27					31.27	
A. Boyer, Jr. Fund:									
1945 Balance		11.29	11.29					11.29	
Total Agency, Trust &									
Investments	51,753.93	50,153.40	101,907.33	98,370.30	23.40	98,393.70		4,519.53	1,005.90
Recapitulation:									
General Government	53,656.00	12,630.92	66,286.92	61,810.75	1,112.97	62,923.72	2,354.31	1,008.89	
Protection of Persons									
& Property	143,858.00	9,247.58	153,105.58	145,234.18	114.58	145,348.76	3,564.32	4,192.50	
Health & Sanitation	21,393.00	249.84	21,642.84	20,309.63	187.50	20,197.13	1,145.71		
Highways	63,515.04	10,379.22	73,894.26	70,247.49	4,967.61	72,215.10	479.16		1,800.00
Charities & Soldiers'									
Benefits	136,907.00	68,380.39	205,287.39	189,891.24	1,748.00	191,639.24	6,030.85	7,617.30	
Schools & Libraries	289,676.00	19,885.55	309,561.55	291,018.97	504.00	291,522.97	2,340.00	15,698.58	
Recreation & Unclass.	40,457.54	8,724.19	49,181.73	46,345.01	25.69	46,370.70	2,276.70	534.33	
Enterprises & Cemetery	3,300.00	2,815.63	6,115.63	5,734.38		5,734.38		381.25	
Spec. Appropriations	22,365.23	228,879.64	251,244.87	113,311.21	6,494.42	119,835.63	1,684.46	129,724.78	
Int. & Maturing Debt	37,762.84		37,726.84	37,621.67		37,621.67	105.17		
Agency Trust & Invest.	51,753.93	50,153.40	101,907.33	98,370.30	23.40	98,393.70		4,519.53	1,005.90
Overlays of Current Year	864,608.58 15,004.45								
	879,613.03	411,346.36	1,275,954.94	1,079,924.83	15,136.17	1,095,103.00	19,980.68	163,677.16	2,805.90



Balance Sheet — December 31, 1946

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

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SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFER, AND BALANCE										
1946										
Title	Approp.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Exp.	Transfers To Other Accounts	Total Expenditures	Balance Revenue Overlay	to or	Balance Forward to 1947	Overdrawn Accounts
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:										
Moderator	60.00		60.00	60.00		60.00				
Finance Committee	100.00		100.00	30.80		30.80	69.20			
Selection:										
Salaries	2,790.00									
From Soldiers' Rel. Sal		480.00	3,270.00	3,169.46		3,169.46	100.54			
All Others	1,000.00									
From Reserve Fund		115.00	1,115.00	687.65		687.65	427.35			
Sewer Investigation										
1945 Balance		500.00	500.00	495.95		495.95	4.05			
Accountant:										
Salaries	3,552.00									
From Reserve Fund		47.39	3,599.39	3,599.39		3,599.39				
All Others	425.00		425.00	420.71		420.71	4.29			
Treasurer										
Salaries	3,454.00									
From Excess & Def.		796.00	4,250.00	4,250.00		4,250.00				
All Others	1,600.00									
By Refund		3.90	1,603.90	1,419.01		1,419.01	184.89			
Tax Collector										
Salaries	4,004.00									
From Reserve Fund		195.00	4,199.00	4,161.20		4,161.20	37.80			
Salary Adj. 1946										
From 1947 Revenue		556.00	556.00						556.00	
All Others	1,540.00		1,540.00	1,533.93		1,533.93	6.07			
Assessors:										
Salaries	1,400.00									
From Reserve Fund		579.00	4,979.00	4,943.75						
To Assessors' Exp.					35.25	4,979.00				
Salary Adj. 1946										
From 1947 Revenue		400.00	400.00						400.00	
All Others	700.00									
By Assessors Salaries		35.25	735.25	733.88		733.88	1.37			
Addressograph Equip.										
1945 Balance		3,000.00	3,000.00	2,947.11		2,947.11			52.89	
Town Clerk:										
Salaries	2,139.00		2,139.00	2,139.00		2,139.00				
All Others	500.00									
From Reserve Fund		60.00	560.00	556.34		556.34	3.66			
Election & Registration:										
Salaries	450.00		450.00	450.00		450.00				
Election Expenses:	2,485.00									
By Refund		4.75								
From Election Re-listing		800.93								
From Excess & Def.		1,560.00	4,850.68	4,535.31		4,535.31	315.37			
Re-listing Expense:	2,577.00									
1945 Balance		41.50								
From Reserve Fund		153.60	2,772.10	1,971.17						
To Election Expense					800.93	2,772.10				
Law:										
Salaries	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00				
All Others	140.00									
1945 Balance		15.00	155.00	103.21		103.21	51.79			
Engineers:										
Salaries	11,388.00									
By Refunds		1,431.76	12,819.76	12,447.46						
To Swimming Pool Sewer					16.27					
To Hamil. St. Paving					260.52	12,724.25	95.51			
All Others	1,100.00									
From Reserve Fund		855.90								
By Refund		13.00	1,968.90	1,908.29		1,908.29	60.61			
Town Hall:										
Salaries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00				
All Others	450.00									
By Refund		10.60	4,510.60	4,203.09		4,203.09	307.51			
Planning Board	100.00		100.00	89.50		89.50	10.50			
Ration Board										
1945 Balance		914.30								
By Refunds		6.18	920.48	246.68		246.68	673.80			
Retirement System Admin	952.00									
From Reserve Fund		55.86	1,007.86	1,007.86		1,007.86				
Tot. Gen. Government	53,656.00	12,630.92	66,286.92	61,810.75	1,112.97	62,923.72	2,354.31		1,008.89	
Protection of Persons & Property:										
Police:										
Salaries	49,222.00									
From Excess & Def.		1,500.00	50,722.00	49,529.10		49,529.10	1,192.90			
All Others	5,992.00									
From Reserve Fund		1,000.00								
By Refund		3.45	6,995.45	6,756.75		6,756.75	238.70			
New Car										
1945 Balance		1,794.75	1,794.75	1,244.70		1,244.70	550.05			
Fire:										
Salaries	45,648.00									
By Refunds		50.50								
From Reserve Fund		201.00	45,899.50	45,898.80		45,898.80	.70			
All Other	5,356.00									
By Refund		1.30								
From Reserve Fund		62.00	5,419.30	5,324.02		5,324.02	95.28			
Hydrants	15,840.00									
From Forest Fire Exp.		114.58	15,954.58	15,954.58		15,954.58				
Forest Fire:										
Salaries	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00				
All Others	750.00		750.00	521.88						
To Hydrants					114.58	636.46	113.54			
Ambulance:	400.00		400.00	378.99		378.99	21.01			
New Ambulance										
1945 Balance		4,500.00	4,500.00	307.50		307.50			4,192.50	
Sealer of Weights & Measures:										
Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300.00				
All Others	400.00		400.00	341.40		341.40	58.60			
Tree Warden:	850.00									
From Storm Damage		20.00	870.00	869.29		869.29	.71			
Mink Extermination:	400.00		400.00	399.30		399.30	.70			
Animal Inspection:										
Salaries	125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00				
All Others	75.00		75.00	73.55		73.55	1.45			
Building Inspection:										
Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00				
All Others	100.00		100.00	62.90		62.90	37.10			
Wire Inspection:										
Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00				
All Others	100.00		100.00	75.21		75.21	24.79			
Dog Officer:	400.00		400.00	378.70		378.70	21.30			
Game Warden:	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00				
Street Lighting	16,000.00		16,000.00	14,792.51		14,792.51	1,207.49			
Tot. Protection Persons & Property	143,848.00	9,247.58	153,105.58	145,234.18	114.58	145,348.76	3,564.32		4,192.50	
Health & Sanitation:										
Health Salaries	7,789.00		7,789.00	7,554.89						
To Health All Others					187.50	7,742.39	46.61			
All Others	10,400.00									
By Refunds		30.00								
By Adj. Health Salary		187.50	10,617.50	9,857.78		9,857.78	759.72			
Sewer:										
Salaries	2,338.00		2,338.00	2,323.58		2,323.58	14.42			

